



Watermead **MATTERS**

FROM YOUR WATERMEAD CONSERVATIVE TEAM
Alan Ward, Netta Glover and David Lidington MP



LAND TO THE EAST OF WATERMEAD: OBJECT NOW

■ Plans for 1,560 new homes to the East of Watermead have been submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council by Hallam Land Management.



The plans mirror those which formed part of the defunct Eastern Growth Arc ("Site C"), in relation to which Planning Inspector Geoff Salter expressed "serious concerns" as recently as June 2010.

It is vital that local residents make their voice heard on the proposals as soon as possible.

Watermead District Councillor Alan Ward says these plans must be resisted by local residents in the strongest possible terms: "Having been comprehensively routed in 2010 this is a ghost of a proposal, back to haunt residents of Watermead once again.

"Not only is this an attempt to resurrect a flawed scheme the Developer has tacitly acknowledged in its publicity material that the proposal is highly opportunistic, being lodged as it is in the interregnum between the revocation of the South East Plan and the introduction of the new Vale of Aylesbury Plan, which will firmly circumscribe the numbers of houses to be built around Aylesbury to the year 2031.

"I've worked with my Conservative Colleagues at AVDC over the past year to ensure the numbers of new houses prescribed for Aylesbury in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan is as small as is possible. This Plan, once implemented, will be the best safeguard against inappropriate development proposals on our doorstep for the future.

"For now, there is a sadly familiar but necessary battle to be fought. I stood for election to safeguard the character, identity and viability of Watermead as an independent and distinctive community. These new plans, like those before, are deleterious to each of those objectives, and I will resist them tirelessly for as long as I sit on the District Council."

Make Your Voice Heard Now: Three Ways to Object

The most important voice of opposition is that of local residents who will be affected by the Land East of Watermead proposal. You can register your objection **Online** via the AVDC Planning Website:

<http://publicaccess.aylesburyvalcdc.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The Application can most easily be found by using reference **13/00391/AOP**. Alternatively you can **E-mail** your Objections to AVDC at: devcon@aylesburyvalcdc.gov.uk - citing the planning reference number - **13/00391/AOP** - in the Subject Line.

REDUCED CONCESSIONARY FARES ON OUR TRAINS

Thomas Hickman's Charity working with Aylesbury MP David Lidington were able to negotiate with Chiltern Railways for reduced off-peak rail fares for those who are entitled to concessionary off-peak travel on public transport already. For journeys on the whole of Chiltern network between Aylesbury & London Marylebone via Amersham and to Birmingham & Wycombe via Princes Risborough Aylesbury town residents need only present their concessionary passes and proof of their address at Aylesbury Station, in the Town Centre and the appropriate endorsement will be made.

David Lidington said, "I would like to thank the Thomas Hickman's Charity and Chiltern Railways for negotiating such a successful deal for Aylesbury town residents. In fact the charity was able to negotiate for this to be extended to the residents of the parishes of Watermead, Coldharbour, Stoke Mandeville and Buckingham Park, which is a major success."



Local MP David Lidington with Watermead Councillor Alan Ward

HELP FOR JOBS

Bucks County Council is a founder member of the Local Enterprise Partnership which includes businesses and education and training institutions. The Council is committed to strengthening the local economy and increasing growth and jobs. The Council aims to introduce high-speed broadband throughout the county. It also supports apprenticeships for young people; the council has already introduced 30 apprenticeships in its own offices.

WINTER WARMTH APPEAL



From January to 31st March Aylesbury Homeless Action Group will be running an emergency shelter in partnership with Aylesbury Churches, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Bucks County Council and Thames Valley Police. If someone is at risk of having to sleep outside this winter they can go to Aylesbury Vale District Council, High Street between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday–Friday. If someone needs help a weekend or Bank Holiday they should go to Aylesbury Police Station before 3.30pm.

BCC & AVDC Councillor **Netta Glover** said “The winter warmth scheme provides people with shelter on a nightly basis, a hot evening meal and breakfast for free. I think the volunteers are doing a great job and Aylesbury Homeless Action Group should be commended for everything they have done to help the people of Aylesbury who have hit hard times.”

LEFT: Netta Glover packing donations for the winter warmth appeal.

WASTE COLLECTION

As you know in September last year AVDC changed the waste collection system so residents can now put all recyclable items into one bin (with a blue lid), non-recyclables in the green bin and food waste into the food caddy. Food waste is collected every week and recyclables/non-recyclables collected alternative weeks.

The new system has drastically improved the amount of recycling within Aylesbury Vale increasing our recycling rate from around 20% to over 50%. The feedback from residents has been very positive and other than the initial switchover and disruptions with the snow Alan hasn't received a single complaint.



The new AVDC bin system

Cllr **Alan Ward** said, “Everyone I speak to is pleased with the new bin system, I know myself that the new system is much easier now especially as we can recycle cardboard. The food recycling is a great success with over 500 tonnes being collected a month, enough to power 300 homes!”

If you have any questions about your collection day you can contact the **waste helpline** on 01296 585510.

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