



Elmbridge Borough Council - New Local Plan

The draft Local Plan, which does not include the release of any Green Belt land, is supported and approved by the LDRA. At the time of writing, the LDRA has not received any update on the progress of the Local Plan. The Government's change in approach to planning and the options being discussed give us hope that Elmbridge's submission will be viewed favourably.

Village Green Application – One Tree Hill and Stokes Field Nature Reserve

The Village Green application will be heard at Public Examination 24th – 28th April 2023. The 'Save HWLD Green Belt' team need to raise a significant amount of money to cover the legal costs, (funding options below). We need Village Green designation to protect our green open spaces in perpetuity. In years to come Councillors & Officers will have changed and there may be a completely different perspective on the importance and value of Green Belt. We need to act now and protect this land forever.

Village Green Funding Options

To make a donation towards the legal fees please use this link - <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/3045609/>
Alternatively: 'Save HWLD Green Belt' bank account - Sort code: 30-98-97 A/c: 83301962
Or please contact the LDRA Treasurer, Paul Bartlett, for other options.

Planning Applications

Aldi Store – Aldi submitted a planning application (ref. 2021/3857) for a store on Portsmouth Road, by Giggs Hill Green in Thames Ditton. Whilst the application was refused last August by the planning committee, Aldi have lodged an appeal.

Lynwood Roundabout – Planning application submitted for flats. Permission refused on grounds of 'Inappropriate development'.

Christmas 'Long Ditton Lights Up' Event

The 'Long Ditton Lights Up' evening, Thursday 1st December, by the village Christmas tree, was very well attended and great fun was had by all. Stalls with games, BBQ food and live on stage entertainment all led up to the switch-on of the village Christmas tree & shops' tree lights by celebrity Erin Boag, from the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. The LDRA was very grateful to receive contributions towards the Fleece Road trees from Nick Darby's SCC members allowance and our village shops.

20mph Restriction Proposal

This continues to be reviewed at Surrey, with pressure & support from our SCC Councillor, Nick Darby.

LDRA on Facebook

The LDRA Facebook page continues to grow in popularity and has over 2,100 members. It is a great source of local information. You can join by searching FB for 'Long Ditton Residents Association' and requesting membership. Please read and agree to the FB page rules to be accepted.

Monthly LDRA Committee Meetings

The LDRA continues to hold monthly committee meetings in the Long Ditton Community Hall, behind St. Mary's Church. All residents are welcome to attend, especially if they have an issue to raise. The meetings start at 8.00pm, on the first Wednesday in the month except May, August and November.

Local Police

All incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported to Surrey Police (ring 101 or online <https://www.surrey.police.uk/>). The LDRA is working with the local Police team, so please feel free to keep us informed too. Information on Police matters can be viewed on <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/surrey-police/the-dittons-and-hinchley-wood/>

Help us to help you!

In addition to Facebook and our website, we would like to use e-mail to keep you informed. If you would like to be on our e-mailing list please send your full name, your road and e-mail address to: mark.herbert@longditton.org. All personal information supplied will be used strictly by the LDRA Officers only and not made public. All recipients are e-mailed using *Blind carbon copy* (Bcc).