

News from the Long Ditton Residents' Association

Taylor Wimpey development proposal on Long Ditton Green Belt

In June, Taylor Wimpey conducted a public consultation to present its proposal for a development comprising 150 homes on Green Belt land extending from Hill Park Roses to the summit of One Tree Hill. A planning application has been submitted to Elmbridge Borough Council (ref. 2025/2018), which has sought to justify the reclassification of the land as 'grey belt' and to secure approval for development. The Long Ditton Residents' Association (LDRA) opposes this proposal and has contested the application, seeking to protect the Green Belt land. The 'Save HWLD Green Belt' group, backed by the LDRA, organised a public meeting at the Village Hall on 11th September where there was a full discussion on the application and suggestions as to the comments which could be made on the EBC website by the deadline of 19th September.

Hook Park development proposal on Chessington Green Belt

In June, housebuilder Poppymill held a public consultation to outline its proposal for a development of 2,000 homes on Green Belt land adjacent to Chessington Equestrian Centre, next to the A3. A planning application will be submitted to the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, arguing for the land's reclassification as 'grey belt' and approval for development. The LDRA is opposed to building on Green Belt land and is particularly concerned that this proposal would result in significant traffic congestion in Long Ditton and Hinchley Wood, especially in light of the proposed new roundabout on the A309. <https://hook-park.co.uk/>

2025 LDRA Annual Subscriptions

2025 annual subs are due as online payments (and cheques for those who do not use online banking – to be sent to the Treasurer, 7 Chalcott Gardens, KT6 5HJ). We suggest £3.00 or more per household. Bank details remain the same:

Sort Code: 20 – 46 – 73 Account No.: 33506282 Payment Reference: <<Your road name>>

LDRA Autumn Public Meeting

The LDRA Autumn Public meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November in the Village Hall, from 8.15pm and all residents are welcome to attend. It is your chance to meet our councillors and discuss local issues like the proposed Taylor Wimpey development, street maintenance, local Government reform, ...etc.

20mph Scheme Around Our Schools

SCC have installed signs for the long awaited 20 mph scheme around Long Ditton St. Mary's School and Long Ditton Infants School.

LDRA Committee

We are seeking new volunteers, so if you are interested in a position on the LDRA committee, please contact Mark Herbert (Vice Chair) or Paul Bartlett (Treasurer).

LDRA on Facebook

The LDRA Facebook page continues to grow in popularity and has over 2,700 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 – Community Hall

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 information supplied will be used in accordance with GDPR, strictly by the LDRA Officers only, and not made public. All recipients are e-mailed using *Blind carbon copy* (Bcc).