

News from the Long Ditton Residents' Association

Taylor Wimpey development proposal on Long Ditton Green Belt

Taylor Wimpey lodged a planning application (2025/2018) with Elmbridge for a development comprising of around 144 homes on the Green Belt land extending from Hill Park Roses to the summit of One Tree Hill. This application has sought to justify the reclassification of the land as 'grey belt' and to secure approval for development. Taylor Wimpey continue to provide revisions and updates to their application attempting to address the issues raised in public comments and consultee responses. There is no planning committee date set at this time, but is expected to be Spring/Summer 2026.

Hook Park development proposal on Chessington Green Belt

Housebuilder Poppymill submitted an outline planning application for a development of 2,000 homes on Green Belt land adjacent to Chessington Equestrian Centre, next to the A3. (Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames app # 25/02749/OUT and EBC app # 2025/2765), 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, due to the proposed new roundabout on the A309 and this being the main access/egress point for the development. <https://hook-park.co.uk/>

LDRA Annual General Meeting

All residents are invited to attend the LDRA AGM which will be held on Wednesday 13th May at the Long Ditton Village Hall in Ewell Road 8.15pm. Our ward councillors (EBC & SCC) will be attending – which provides the opportunity to ask them questions. Many local issues will be covered like the new threat to our Green Belt (see above), Local Government reform (see below), street maintenance, pot holes, parking, recreation ground and other residents' concerns.

Surrey County Council Reorganisation

Surrey County Council will be divided into two Unitary Authorities called East Surrey and West Surrey. Elmbridge Borough Council will cease to exist from April 2027 and will be merged with Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Tandridge and Reigate & Banstead Borough Councils to form the 'East Surrey Unitary Authority'. Long Ditton will lose its three dedicated Elmbridge Councillors and shared Surrey County Councillor, and will gain two Unitary Authority Councillors, which will be shared across Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood, and Weston Green. Local elections in May 2026 will elect these two new Unitary Authority Councillors, who will shadow existing councillors until April 2027, when they will assume their full councillor roles and duties for four years.

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 - mark.herbert@longditton.org) or Paul Bartlett (Treasurer - paul.bartlett@longditton.org).

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 use e-mail to keep residents 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).