News from the Long Ditton Residents' Association

Taylor Wimpey development proposal on Long Ditton Green Belt
In August 2025, 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. The application was refused at EBC planning committee, Taylor Wimpey have appealed the decision and a six day public inquiry will be held in 12th – 19th January 2027.

Development proposals on Green Belt land
Our concern is not just for Long Ditton's Green Belt but other nearby parcels which are under threat from development. Housebuilder Poppymill has submitted an outline application for 2,000 homes adjacent to Chessington Equestrian Centre (RBK ref. 25/02749/OUT); an application for 56 homes has been lodged on land adjacent to Heathside in Hinchley Wood (EBC ref. 2026/0577); and The Crown Estate has announced plans to release Loseberry Farm in Claygate for housing. If approved, these proposals would result in the permanent loss of Green Belt land all around our area.

2026 LDRA Annual Subscriptions – NOW DUE
2026 annual subscription is 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:
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LDRA Autumn Public Meeting
The LDRA Autumn Public meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th November in the Long Ditton Village Hall at 8.15pm. All residents are welcome to attend, as this is your chance to meet our councillors and discuss local issues like the proposed Green Belt development, street maintenance, telephone masts, changes to local Government from April 1st 2027 and more.

Surrey County Council Reorganisation
Surrey County Council is being 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'. In April 2027 the three Elmbridge Councillors and one shared Surrey County Councillor roles will be replaced by two Unitary Authority Councillors. These two new councillors, Neil Houston and Fran Fish, elected in May this year, will represent the new ward of Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood, and Weston Green from April 2027. They are helping to build the new East Surrey Council and 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, (Planning Officer, Secretary) 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 – St. Mary's 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).