



**GARENDON PARK & COUNTRYSIDE PROTECTION GROUP  
NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2009**

**GPCPG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**The AGM of Garendon Park & Countryside Protection Group (GPCPG) will be held on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at Stonebow Primary School, Maxwell Drive, Loughborough. All Members are invited to come along and voice their views and suggestions as to how our Campaign can move ahead.**

(Stonebow Primary School is located at the end of Maxwell Drive)

Dear Member/Supporter

Thank you for all your support and efforts in objecting to the building of 3,500 houses on the Garendon Estate. GPCPG submitted a detailed response including advice from the Environmental Lawyers employed using the funds built up from your contributions to the Campaign (if you want to see our report, please contact Roy Kershaw on 01509 554889 or email [roy.kershaw@ntlworld.com](mailto:roy.kershaw@ntlworld.com)). The vast majority (80%?) of responses to the Charnwood 2026 Consultation, held at the end of last year, were **against** the option of building West of Loughborough (ie between Loughborough, Shepshed and Hathern). This is in line with two previous Consultations conducted by Charnwood Borough Council – so how can CBC now go ahead with this option? It would be completely undemocratic! This is not ‘NIMBYISM’ (Not In My Back Yard) on our part since we prefer another option (Option 6), Wymeswold Airfield, which is a brownfield site rather than the Garendon Estate (Option 4), which is a greenfield site next to the listed Garendon Park. We also prefer development East of Loughborough at Cotes (Option 5).

The next stage in the procedure is for CBC to hold more workshops to discuss various issues raised in the Consultation. GPCPG are pressing to be involved in these workshops. After that, CBC will publish a draft revised Core Strategy for consideration by the Cabinet. A further draft will then be submitted to a meeting of all Charnwood Borough Councillors who will agree the formal draft Core Strategy. There will be a further six-week public consultation on this formal draft before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration. Thus there remain many opportunities for you to voice your opinions and campaign against the Garendon Estate option. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US!**

We now have over 370 members and over 2,500 signatures on our Petition – but we need more!

**The fight to save the Garendon Green Wedge goes on!**

Despite GPCPG's success so far, there is still a long way to go. We must persist in campaigning against the destruction of the Garendon Green Wedge. There are many things Members can do to help in this:

- Lobby your local Borough and County Councillors to vote against development West of Loughborough and instead support the East of Loughborough Option
- Ask family, friends and neighbours to join GPCPG (there is an application form at the bottom of this newsletter)
- Sign our Petition (if you haven't already done so)
- Come to our AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Contribute to our fighting fund so we can effectively continue our Campaign
- Write letters to the Echo in support of our Campaign

**Please help us to save this area of countryside and farmland with all its wildlife, flora and fauna, so that our children and grandchildren can have somewhere to walk and play without danger from vehicles and environmental pollution!**

**Garendon Park Countryside Protection Group  
Membership Form**

**NAME.....TEL.....**

**ADDRESS.....**

**.....POST CODE.....**

**Email.....**

**MEMBERSHIP IS FREE, BUT WE DO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR OUR FIGHTING FUND**

**Return to GPCPG c/o Lynda Needham. 259 Charnwood Road Shepshed. LE12 9NW.**

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