



GPCPG

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

Update on GPCPG Campaign

Dear Member/Supporter

Decisions on the Core Strategy have been postponed yet again! In June this year Head of Planning Policy at Charnwood Borough Council emailed GPCPG to say ‘The current timetable for the Core Strategy will see a proposed submission version of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) published for consultation in November 2009. This will require a report to be brought to the Cabinet on 29th October 2009 and the Council on 9th November.’ In September we received another email to say ‘Our intention to present a report to Cabinet in October has been overtaken by events and it is now likely that a report will be presented in the spring, 2010. We are working on an indicative date of 18th February but there is a degree of uncertainty around this date and much depends on the wishes of Members (of the Council).’

In some ways this is a positive step in that it shows CBC could be pulling back from their original Preferred Option of building on the Garendon Estate and seriously considering other options. We believe the GPCPG Campaign has had a big influence on this change of policy. **Thank you for your support in achieving this!**

Nevertheless the campaign is far from over. The Committee are still reviewing all the various documents from consultants that CBC have released on their website. These are also available to view at local libraries or at the Borough Council Office.

In particular, the recent Loughborough Transport Assessment report prepared for Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) by MVA consultants will massively influence future decisions on housing development. The MVA report concludes that there should be a full south, southwest and western bypass which would inevitably mean building houses west of Loughborough (on the Garendon Estate). These conclusions are diametrically opposed to those of Leicestershire County Council (the Roads and Transport Authority) who have concluded that an eastern distributor road is the best option. This is clearly a key issue and the GPCPG Committee will be following up on this with some urgency. We also hope to work with Loughborough South-West Action Group (SWAG) on this as they are similarly opposing the building of houses on another greenfield site in The Outwoods.

We wish you all Health, Wealth and Happiness at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

GPCPG now have over 420 members and are moving towards 3,000 signatures on our Petition – but we need more! Please use the membership form below to try and sign up more members. We also need more financial contributions to pay for printing and distribution of newsletters etc.

The fight to save the Garendon Green Wedge goes on – and we can win it with your support!

Fund Raising

GPCPG will again have a stall at the Shepshed Town Council XMAS Community and Carol Service Event on Friday 4th December. This will be held at Shepshed High School from 6.30 to 8.30pm (carol service 6.15 to 6.30pm). Please come along to this popular and well attended event – free admission! Find out the latest situation with our Campaign.

**Garendon Park Countryside Protection Group
Membership Form**

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

ADDRESS.....

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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.

Email L.NEEDHAM1@NTLWORLD.COM (lower case) or go to our website

www.garendon.org.uk. You can also contact Roy Kershaw on 01509 554889 or email

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Shepshed Against Incinerator Group (SAIG)

Yet another environmentally damaging development is being dumped on Shepshed! Biffa have changed from using Newhurst Quarry as a landfill centre to an incinerator. There are many environmental problems associated with incineration, particularly when located so closely to residential areas. A campaign group has been formed – SAIG – and would welcome support from other Shepshed residents. To find out more, please email Carol Weller on wellercarol@hotmail.com or phone Diane Horn on 01509 827361.