

ASSOCIATION OF EWELL DOWNS RESIDENTS

(Founded 1926)

(Non-Political)

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2011

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. It has been an eventful time.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of those who attended the Annual General Meeting in March. We were pleased to see so many of you and hope that those who came had the opportunity to voice their concerns with both the Committee and the prospective candidates while enjoying a glass of wine. Congratulations are extended to the six candidates who attended the AGM and were subsequently elected with huge majorities to serve for both the Nonsuch and Ewell wards. We keep in close contact with these Councillors, who regularly attend our Committee meetings. Should you wish us to raise any matters with them on your behalf, please contact the Secretary via the website *ewelldownsra.org*

Thank you also to all the Road Representatives who covered the additional deliveries which arose as a result of the election. Some of you were able to come to the lunchtime drinks get-together which we held in the summer and we were able to thank you personally but we extend our thanks to those who were also unable to attend. This was a good opportunity to meet the Committee and the Councillors and we hope to be able to repeat the exercise some time in the future.

Over the past months we have dealt with many issues. Whilst we have made representations on behalf of residents regarding matters such as the floodlighting on Glyn School Playing Field (this is currently under appeal), the parking on Higher Green and the traffic lights by Epsom College, there are two other planning issues to which we should now draw your attention:

The first relates to the Local Development Framework and the Housing Site Allocations consultation paper. The background to this is that the Council has to provide space for about another 650 new homes by 2026 and therefore needs to make appropriate plans. Whilst many of the sites are relatively small, our primary concern is the animal husbandry land on the corner of Reigate Road and the Ewell-By-Pass which could be used for a mix of family homes and flats giving a total of up to 120 homes. We have of course raised our objections to this in the strongest terms.

The second item is the proposal relating to the development of land on Priest Hill. Please would you look carefully at the article on this in this Newsletter and let us have your comments so we can act accordingly. This has important implications for the future of our area.

As you will see, there are significant issues with which your Committee has to deal. If any of you feel that you would like to be more involved with the Association, please contact the Secretary. We would welcome your expertise.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we remind those residents who have not yet paid their annual subscription (£3 per household) that these are now overdue and should be passed as soon as possible to your Road Representative. We are a voluntary organisation and are solely dependant on your contributions to cover our ongoing running costs. This does not apply to St James' Avenue which makes a lump sum contribution each year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have recently moved away from the Ewell Downs area after 42 years, and I shall be handing over the reins of Treasurer to Gavin Marks who has been our Examiner of Accounts for some years.

I shall see out this financial year, but if any Road Representative has subscriptions to hand over, may I ask that they be deposited with Paula McNally, our Secretary, who lives opposite our old house. If anyone needs to contact me, my new phone number is 01372 878951.

JOHN CLARKE MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established early in 2005 in memory of John, a highly respected and conscientious councillor who had died prematurely in August 2003. John had a strong interest in music, particularly the clarinet, and was closely involved with Fitznells, a local Music Centre.

The fund reached over £3300 and over the years has helped a number of young aspiring musicians to improve their grades and more recently has financed the acquisition of important equipment for Fitznells.

The Fund has now been wound up, but we know that John would have been delighted in the way the fund was utilised, supporting young musicians and the Music Centre where he was so closely involved. We thank all those who supported the Fund.

Fitznells is holding a concert at Ewell Castle School on Saturday 19 November at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door are £8, unless you are bringing a party of more than six, in which case, please phone 0795 6284172.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Association seeks to protect and enhance the interests of residents. Our primary concerns centre on planning, traffic, security and other topics which directly affect our area. To this end, we maintain regular contact with our Councillors who also attend our Committee meetings. Visits are made to the Town Hall to view planning applications and to monitor the agenda items for the committee meetings of prime relevance e.g. Planning, Environment, Leisure and Strategy & Resources, and where appropriate to make our views known

Other activities include sponsoring our election candidates, helping to prepare manifestos and knocking on as many doors as possible at local election time. For the delivery of election manifestos and of our twice yearly newsletters, we rely on the vital services of our Road Representatives, who also provide indispensable communication lines. To keep in touch with Borough-wide issues, Committee members also attend as appropriate meetings of other bodies such as the Standing Committee of Residents Associations (SCoRA), the Environment Forum, Police Liaison, and the Epsom and Ewell branch of CPRE.

FOR NEW RESIDENTS

All residents are eligible to join. If they subsequently have any problems or concerns, we ask that these should first be taken up with the Borough or County Council as appropriate. If you are still not satisfied with the response, please approach your Road Representative, Councillor, or Committee member. Our aim is to assist as best we can.

EPSOM & EWELL LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

The first draft of the EELBAP was adopted by the Strategy & Resources Committee in June 2009. Draft guidance on its planning implications for the Council developers and residents has now been produced and consultation with residents is to follow.

The Guidance (of 34 pages) will be used by the Planning Department to help determine new proposals for development and become part of the Local Development Framework. It will also be available to the public as well as developers to help them understand how the Council considers biodiversity and the consequent requirements for planning applications.

MID SURREY FARM

The following is an update issued by the Environment Agency regarding Mid Surrey Farm:

Environmental Permit Application - Mid Surrey Farm, Reigate Road, Epsom

Who we are

We are an Executive Non-departmental Public Body responsible to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Our principal aims are to protect and improve the environment, and to promote sustainable development. We play a central role in delivering the environmental priorities of central government through our functions and roles.

Our role in Environmental Permitting

We regulate aspects of the environmental impact, or 'footprint', of certain activities in England and Wales under the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

Mid Surrey Farm have applied for an Environmental Permit (EP) for the importation and processing of waste soils. The composting and shredding of green waste are registered with us as exempt activities and do not form part of this application.

The EP, if granted, will contain conditions to control the impact on people and the local environment. We assess permitted activities to make sure businesses take the appropriate action to comply with their permit conditions, in line with our Enforcement and Sanctions Statement, which can be viewed in more detail at this link:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/regulation/31851.aspx>

We have required the applicant to provide more information to demonstrate how noise and dust will be controlled on site. This new information is being considered by our Air Quality Monitoring and Assessment Unit and Geoscience Technical Team. No decision has been made whether to issue a permit.

If we are minded to issue an EP, we will consult on the draft permit and decision document. In addition we will be running a local community drop-in session to answer any questions that you may have on the EP or the process that we follow. We will keep you informed of our decision.

More information on our consultation process can be found by reading our Public Participation Statement at the following link:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/permitting/36420.aspx>

In the interim, if you are experiencing any problems because of the activities at Mid Surrey Farm, or from another activity relating to pollution, please call our Incident Hotline on 0800 80 70 60 which is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

For any other questions please contact us at KSLenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

PRIEST HILL

Planning applications for a Nature Reserve, with an Enabling Development are anticipated in the next few weeks. Notice of this will be available on the Association's website. After the official publication, views may be registered with the Chief Planning Officer at the Town Hall. An outline of the information currently available follows.

Priest Hill is chalk grassland in the green belt, where you might have seen the skylarks. A previous survey by the Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) found 90 species of plants classified as rare, with 10 nationally rare or scarce insects.

Since the land became privately owned, there have been a succession of applications for different parts, but none for the whole area; these have included a golf course, hotel, leisure centre, driving school, cemetery and nursery school. All of which have been refused as inappropriate. Now for the first time, we have a proposal for the whole area, with protection in perpetuity from future development.

The part south of the Bridle Path would become the Nature Reserve, owned and managed by SWT. Public access, with a dog walking area would be included. For management and security surveillance, a house for a Ranger would be built, together with a Maintenance Base. If the reserve later qualifies as a 'site of nature conservation importance' this would provide additional protection.

North of the Bridle Path, the freehold of the rugby pitch land is to be offered to the Borough Council for £1, with the hope that it would be accepted.

The costs of the transfer of ownership, improvement of the state of the land to reserve standard, funding of future maintenance and the Ranger's salary would be met by an Enabling Development. This would consist of building 15 substantial houses near the south border, using existing access from the Reigate Road. Such Enabling Developments have previously been implemented elsewhere in Surrey – another major example was the Wetlands Trust Reserve at Barnes.

With the current proposals by the Government for relaxing controls to facilitate development, including housing, this could be the first and last opportunity to safeguard the openness of Priest Hill.

This planning application will be of great importance to our area and we will let you know on the website when it has been formally submitted. Residents are urged to visit the Town Hall or Bourne Hall, where the plans can be inspected, or you can look them up on the Council's website. Any comments on the proposals should be made to the Council directly, although we would ask that a copy should be sent to the Secretary, so that we can gauge the reactions of residents and act accordingly. Comments can also be directed via the Association's website on ewelldownsra.org

GRASS VERGES

There has been a high incidence of damage to grass verges, due to the extensive building work which has been taking place in this area; much of which has been caused by contractors' vehicles. The damage includes the scouring of grass verges and damage to the banks of the central green in Higher Green. Many of the residents in this area have expressed concern and are questioning what can be done to rectify the situation

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility and not Epsom & Ewell Borough Council to reinstate grass verges to their original state before construction work commenced and should be born in mind by householders, before beginning building work on their properties.

The grass verges in Longdown Lane North and Higher Green are owned by the Council, who arrange for contractors to cut the grass, albeit on a somewhat haphazard basis! However, this process is often restricted, at points where there is a parked vehicle on the verge. Officially, parking on these verges is not allowed and the Council may issue fines where this is an habitual practice.

DATES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2011/2012

Committee meetings for the coming year will be held **at** Nescot College in Committee Room1 at 7.30pm on the following Tuesdays:

8 November

10 January

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 20 March 2012, to be held at Nescot College in the Staff Lounge

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2011/2012

SCC meetings are open to the public and have been arranged for the following dates:

5 December 2011	19.00	Venue to be announced
5 March 2012	19.00	Venue to be announced

Our councillor representatives on this committee are Chris Frost and David Wood (SCC) and Michael Arthur (Borough).

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR EPSOM AND EWELL

Our local MP is **Chris Grayling**, who can be contacted at the following:

House of Commons	or	212 Barnet Wood Lane
London SW 1A		Ashted, Surrey, KT21 2D

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES & PANELS 2011/2012

BOROUGH

Michael Arthur :	Planning Planning Policy Sub-Committee (Chair) Local Committee	
Humphrey Reynolds:	Environment Health Liaison Social Ewell Parochial Trusts	Planning Policy Sub-Committee Licensing Local Committee (Substitute) Age Concern Epsom & Ewell
Clive Woodbridge:	Financial Policy Crime & Disorder Strategy & Resources (Vice-Chair)	
Graham Dudley:	Planning (Chair) Scrutiny	
Chris Frost:	Health Liaison Human Resources	Social
David Wood:	Leisure Planning Policy Sub-Committee Strategy & Resources Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (Chair)	Planning

COUNTY

Chris Frost:	SCC Local Committee-Epsom & Ewell Environment & Transport Select Committee Health Scrutiny (substitute) Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee People, Performance & Development Members Steering Group, Lower Mole Countryside Management Project Change & Efficiency Select Committee (substitute) Street Furniture Task Group (Chair) Public Value Review on Countryside Service Parking Strategy Task Group (Chair) Public Value Review on the Environment & Infrastructure Directorate Horse Racing Forum Energy Task Group	
David Wood:	SCC Local Committee-Epsom & Ewell Planning & Regulatory Communities Select Committee	

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Surrey County Council (SCC)

- *Councillor Chris Frost writes:*

County Winter Maintenance

Under the new Highways contract with May Gurney, this year's county-wide winter maintenance programme can be delivered for £700,000 less than last year, with no degradation to levels of service. It has been decided that the additional £700,000 provides an opportunity to enhance the services that can be delivered.

The length of roads that will be treated will be increased by 107 miles. Forty tonnes of salt will be given to each borough and district council, which should help to keep some key pavements and town centres clear. The stock of salt will be increased to 16,000 tonnes, up from 10,000 tonnes two years ago. The grit bins will be filled by the end of October, and if the winter is bad a second fill will be done. Some grit bins were going to be removed, but under pressure from local councillors they are going to be kept in place until the end of their natural life. The local councillor will be informed at this point and they, or their community, may choose to fund a replacement.

In previous winters it has emerged that people have been worried about being held liable for claims against them, but this is highly unlikely unless they deliberately do something that makes the situation worse. As requested by residents last winter, the council is providing a clear legal statement:

“As with all actions taken by members of the public, people should act sensibly and consider the effect their actions might have on other highway users. Provided any salting or snow clearance is carried out responsibly and without creating further hazards which could lead to a passer-by injuring themselves, then there would be no liability for such actions.”

New non-emergency phone number for the police

A new non-emergency telephone number to contact Surrey Police came into effect from 1st September, providing a new way for people to get in touch about issues that do not need an emergency response. The new 101 number is going live as part of a national drive to make it easier to contact the police and report crime and disorder. While 999 is a well recognized number to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only 54% of the public know how to contact their local police if they want to talk to them about local policing issues, crime or anti-social behaviour.

Not only does the new number give the public one easy and memorable way to contact the Force and report non-emergencies but, for most people it is significantly cheaper than the 0845 number it replaces. It costs 15p to call 101 for the entire length of the call, no matter how long it takes or what time of day

it is. This applies to both landlines and mobile phones, while calls from telephone boxes are free. The geographic number – 01483 571212 – will remain for customers who may be unable to use the 101 service (for example, those calling from abroad). As well as making the police more accessible to communities, it is hoped that 101 will reduce the number of inappropriate 999 calls, allowing the Force to respond to emergencies more effectively.

999 should only be used in a real emergency, that is when a crime is happening, when someone suspected of a crime is nearby or where someone is injured, being threatened or in danger. For all other matters such as reporting less urgent crime or disorder, contacting police with a general enquiry or speaking to an officer the public should contact Surrey Police on the new 101 number.

Old horseboxes and cars wanted

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service have appealed for a donation of any old horseboxes to practice rescuing the animals from road accidents. With four major racecourses in the county, Surrey's roads are an artery for the movement of thoroughbreds and racehorses, as well as the population of much loved local horses. As part of their training, fire-fighters practice rescuing animals from crashes and they have appealed for horseboxes as well as cars to train with.

The service needs around 30 cars, vans and minibuses as well as the horseboxes and is willing to arrange free collection from anywhere in Surrey or on its borders. Anyone with a scrap car or horsebox they would like to donate should call Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters on 01737 242444.

Surrey achieves 50% recycling rate nearly a decade ahead of schedule

Residents of Surrey have achieved a 50% recycling rate for household waste almost a decade ahead of schedule. A Government target requires councils to recycle at least half their household waste by 2020, which means Surrey, is nine years ahead of time. The green milestone was reached thanks to the willingness of residents and councils to recycle rubbish instead of simply throwing it into landfill. This benefits the environment and saves Surrey taxpayers millions of pounds a year in reduced landfill costs. The county council is now focused on reaching a 70% household waste recycling rate by 2014. This will be achieved in a number of ways, including further improving community recycling centres, working to identify more materials that can be recycled and educating people about the benefits of recycling.

New streetlights

When the new lights are first installed and connected to the electricity supply, they are put on all the time. This is to set the electronic controls, and when these are working properly the lights will revert to the usual pattern.

Ewell Ward

- ***Councillor Michael Arthur writes:***

Solar Panels

There has been some press coverage about solar panels and their visual impact on the locality. The Council support installation of energy saving and micro generating systems. The majority of installations are either supported or require no permission and it is only a minority of cases where inappropriate works have been carried out, relating to prominent and road-facing positions, or in sensitive locations within conservation areas.

The Council offers advice to householders about what is appropriate and it is good practice to check with the planning department before proceeding. In order to make matters clearer, the Council will by mid October, publish a specific guide giving the best advice. I hope that this will clear up what has been in certain cases, a somewhat non-straightforward situation.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The Coalition Government has prepared a draft NPPF and has put this out for 12 weeks consultation, terminating on 17 October 2011. This can be considered as a document of two halves. The first sets out ambitions of how it perceives the planning system to be a tool to facilitate higher levels of growth in order to meet objectives of deficit, reduction and economic recovery, whilst the second half condenses existing national policy and technical guidance down from an existing large, over 1,000 pages in sets of documents to a proposed single one of 58 pages.

Some prominent messages from the consultation:

- Plan for higher levels of growth (specifically housing)
- A presumption in favour of sustainable development (possibly it is open to debate to define 'sustainable').
- The planning authorities automatically grant their permission, when their local policies are either absent, silent or indeterminate. This is not welcomed, as it has the potential to introduce conflict and delay.
- Setting local targets that take into account housing needs and incorporate an allowance of at least 20% for additional houses.
- An assumption that Green Belt boundaries remain fixed as now with any proposed additions only being granted in exceptional circumstances.
- There is no specific reference to Major Developed Sites (MDS) within the Green Belt, which has potential implications for Epsom & Ewell for the hospital cluster, Nescot and Epsom College which are current MDS. The draft appears to suggest that limited infilling within such sites, where it would not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt, will be considered as an exception to policy.

The Planning Policy Sub-Committee, have reviewed the document and made its submission under 12 key headings.

Maybe, due to the relatively strong position Epsom & Ewell is in, with regards to its Local Development Framework (LDF) policies and documents already agreed, this consultation is not all doom and gloom. The Borough sits strongly in this regard compared with many other local planning authorities, who have no robust LDF's in place.

Parking Meters

There aren't going to be any!

What is proposed by Surrey, I should say 'imposed' across the County by the majority party leaders (portfolio holders), are ticket machines to dispense 'Pay & Display' tickets and collect money for parking on the highway. A schedule of charges has been published in the Guardian. In Ewell High Street and Upper High Street, there will be a free period of 30 minutes, which I think is a reasonable concession to allow motorists to do a bit of shopping and not hog the space all day (the existing 2 hour limit not really being enforceable). By parking only in the marked bays, I believe that the 'take a chance' parking on adjoining yellow line will be reduced and consequently cause less congestion, principally as there are now more enforcement personnel than formerly. In the Kiln Lane area, there are proposals to charge £5 for an all-day ticket.

- *Councillor Clive Woodbridge writes:*

Helping local enterprise

One of the Council's key priorities for the next four years will be to promote the economic vitality of Epsom & Ewell. Already some initiatives are being rolled out in this context, one of which is a new Local Enterprise Market, which will be held in Epsom on the last Sunday of each month, starting 30 October, from 10am to 4pm, for the Borough's businesses and budding entrepreneurs. It aims to encourage economic growth by supporting local industry, providing an opportunity for local traders and businesses to network and develop their trade in a sought after Town Centre setting.

Traders will be provided with a 10ft x 10ft (3.1 x 3.1m) pitch and all applications will be assessed before a place is granted. There will be no charge for pitch rental until April 2012, when a nominal charge will be levied. Prospective traders should be residents or local business rate payers, can provide a stall suitable for trading and have valid public liability insurance. For more information phone 01372 732520.

Ideas for Community Payback?

In Surrey and Sussex around 330,000 hours of Community Payback are completed every year by offenders on community sentences. This is free labour provided to local communities as offenders pay back for the crimes they have committed.

In general Unpaid Work is given to low and medium risk offenders. It is not a suitable sentence for high risk offenders. All offenders are carefully assessed before they are allocated to work projects to ensure the safety of the public. Groups of offenders are also supervised by trained probation staff.

Community Payback projects range from litter removal to clearing dense undergrowth, and environmental projects through repairing and redecorating community centres or removing graffiti. Offenders usually work as part of a team, monitored by a supervisor, although there are some opportunities for individual placements.

Any member of the public can suggest a project. To be considered your project must meet the following criteria:

It must benefit the local community

It must not take paid work away from others

No one must make a profit from the work

It must be challenging and demanding

It must be worthwhile and constructive

Offenders must be seen to be putting something back into the community.

Organisations benefiting from the work must provide and pay for any materials to be used, such as paint and brushes. For more information, or to nominate a local community project, please visit www.surreysussexprobation.gov.uk.

Relaunching Neighbourhood Watch

The Epsom and Ewell Safer Neighbourhood Team is re-launching Neighbourhood Watch and looking for volunteers to set up new watches and run existing ones in their area. Neighbourhood Watch is the largest voluntary crime prevention group in the country. It is an independent organisation made up by the community and led by the community. It works in partnership with the local police and the local council, and can cut crime and the opportunities for crime.

The local Neighbourhood Team are also interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join Surrey Police's Active Citizen Scheme. The Scheme is designed to help Police officers communicate easily with key individuals in the community, who in turn help the Safer Neighbourhood Team improve the flow of policing information to and from the public.

If you are interested in being involved with either of the above, please contact the Epsom and Ewell Safer Neighbourhood Team by calling 0845 125 222 or via Surrey Police's website: www.surrey.police.uk

- *Councillor Humphrey Reynolds writes:*

Age Concern Epsom & Ewell

Age Concern provides valuable information and advice, both by phone and to personal callers every weekday at the Town Hall. Transport is provided by volunteer drivers to take people to medical appointments. This costs £5 for appointments within the Borough, and drivers wait with the client to take them home. They make home visits, where home visitors assess a client's needs, assist them in applying for benefits such as Attendance Allowance, advise them about help available in the community, take them on introductory visits to Social Centres or arrange for a volunteer befriender to visit them regularly and ease social isolation. Age Concern also offers a 'toenail cutting service, which is available at a reasonable cost at the Longmead Centre. Further services provided are Sunday teas, befriending, IT Support, DIY, hearing aid clinics and the provision of harvest and Christmas parcels.

If you are interested in volunteering, or finding out about the service provided by Age Concern, contact me on 020 8393 3752 for further details.

Hospital Update

The government wants all hospitals to achieve Foundation Trust status by April 2014. Consequently Epsom Hospital has been in discussion with other hospitals with a view to forming such a Trust. This would enable them to have more power to decide how and where to invest money to improve the care they provide for patients.

The tendering process has thrown up two possible partners; Ashford & St Peters Hospitals and the Royal Surrey County Hospital. Both organisations have asked for more time to consider their offers and the bidding process has been delayed until November 2011. It is hoped that a public meeting can be held at the beginning of February to explain the outcome.

Council representatives want your views urgently on which bid you would prefer Epsom to join in partnership. If you contact your local councillors, they will be able to pass on your views.

Nonsuch Ward

- ***Councillor Graham Dudley writes:***

I am delighted to have retained the chair of the Planning Committee for 2011/12. I have served on the Planning Committee for 8 years, including two as vice chair and two as chair. My duties include chairing the monthly meetings of the Planning Committee and ensuring as far as possible that its decisions are soundly based in accordance with the council's planning policies. An important part of this process is making sure local residents can express their views, and have these views represented at the planning committee.

You can express your views through your Residents' Association or directly to your elected councillors, preferably by email or letter. You can also ask to speak at meetings of the planning committee, though such opportunities are usually limited to one, or possibly only two speakers. I am always happy to provide advice on making your views known should you wish to contact me.

Many of you will know, the government wishes to simplify the planning rules in order to make it easier for developers to build as many new houses as possible. Whilst this is a laudable aim it is causing a great deal of concern, particularly on the part of residents (such as those in Nonsuch ward) who live near and greatly value our precious green belt sites.

It is very difficult to know what to say about this. In my view, residents are right to be concerned about the possible threat to their local environment. On the other hand, due to the past endeavours of your RA councillors, Epsom and Ewell is undoubtedly better placed than many other councils to deal with some of the more worrying aspects of these draft proposals. I say this because we are in the fortunate position of having invested considerable time and effort in preparing up to date planning policies. This is important because the government's proposals suggest that planning authorities should grant planning permission where their local plan policies are either absent, silent or indeterminate. This is certainly not the case in Epsom and Ewell, though we must continue to invest time and effort in ensuring our policies are up to date.

On the particular issue of the green belt, the draft proposals state that: *'The Government attaches great importance to Green Belts. The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.'*

I like the sound of this. Let us hope the government has the sense and the will power to stick to it.

Association of Ewell Downs Residents 2011 – 2012

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South End	Ann Broad, 77 The Green	020 8393 8653
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Higher Green		
Even numbers	Michael Lockyer, 18 Higher Green	07818 067 741
Odd numbers	Liz Jones, 37 Higher Green	07982 234 149
Langton Avenue	Michael Arthur, 20A Langton Avenue	020 8393 1476
Longdown Lane North		
North End	Graham Evans, 30 Longdown Lane North	020 8394 0160
South End	Steve Gebbett, 53 Longdown Lane North	01372 720921
Park Hill Road		
Reigate Road		
No. 28, 34-52	Meurig Thomas, 16 Beech Walk	020 8393 5197
No. 54-92	Esme Wilson, 'Tandlewood' (Next to 54)	020 8393 5475
No. 94-118	Carol Billam, Cefn, Nth Looe Estate	020 8393 2490
No. 120-140	Carol Billam, Cefn, Nth Looe Estate	020 8393 2490
Small Holdings		
The Looe-143	Carol Billam, Cefn, Nth. Looe Estate	020 8393 2490
St James Avenue	Jason Barnett, 15 St James' Avenue	07880 958 592
Windmill Avenue	(Vacancy)	
Windmill Lane	(Vacancy)	
No 1-21		

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Ewell Ward

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Nonsuch Ward

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