

Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet Residents Association
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1. **Little Chalvedon Hall Farm - Nottingham/Meridian's Appeal against Basildon Council's Refusal to build 750 homes (with an option to build up to 1296) plus school, shops and offices** - The Appeal date has been revised to 25th February 2014 and the Planning Inspectorate has now asked the council to put aside two weeks for the Inquiry. A representative from the Residents Association will attend the Inquiry each day. We have asked to attend the site visit. The Planning Inspector has asked Rose to attend on the 25th with a list of venues and explain why we would like him to visit those sites and why she would like to attend with him. Anyone else wishing to speak should also attend on the morning of the 25th but the Inspector has advised that it would be preferable to have one spokesperson on behalf of the residents – we can discuss this at our next meeting on 5th February 2014. In the meantime please consider sites for the Inspector to visit. We are compiling a list and will put it on the Forum for you to add to, or you may of course send your comments to chair@bowersgifford.info
2. **Core Strategy Revised Options Report - New Homes in North Benfleet** - This document was made available to the public earlier this week and outlines three possible options for building in the borough. It does not include the Little Chalvedon Hall Farm site **but it does include a number of new homes in North Benfleet**. This is a 120 page document which, at the time of writing, we are still reading and asking questions about. However, Rose spoke to the Planning Division on Friday and can confirm that one of the options relates to land which may or may not include Bradfields Farm in Burnt Mills Road; land near Harrow Road; Carpenter's Farm; and part of North Benfleet Hall Farm. However, the possible development **will not** stretch as far as Bonville Farm. Rose was informed that the possible development will not narrow the wildlife corridor between Benfleet and Pitsea.

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We were told that to access the documents we could do so via the Council's website by clicking on the main news story relating to this on the front page. However, I couldn't find it this way and put "core strategy revised options report" in the search engine to find it. Alternatively, email chair@bowersgifford.info for a copy – unfortunately, it's too big to send as an attachment to this e-newsletter.

Please note that there is no definitive "red line" for this possible development described as PAD6: North East Basildon Urban Extension. The possibility has not been agreed but shows the council's likely direction of travel. The draft core strategy will be put out for public consultation and we will ask for one of the public consultations to be held at the Benbow.

It comes as no surprise that the proposal includes regeneration of the North Benfleet plotlands as Tony Ball had advised us about this on the two occasions that he spoke at the Benbow.

Please also note that Tony Ball provided a response via RoseGriffin to MDigweed's query on the Forum, General Board, entitled "5 Year Shortfall".

3. **Thefts in Bower Gifford** – Our Community Police Officer has reported a number of thefts in Bowers Gifford including Pound Lane, Katherine Road, Cornwall Road and Clarence Road. There was a further attempted break-in in Pound Lane last week – there is too much information to put in this e-newsletter but if you go onto the www.bowersgifford.info website you can find more detailed information by clicking the "Forum" tab then the "General Board" then the line entitled "Watch Out There Are Thieves About".
4. **Scams on Local People** – While visiting the Forum , General Board, please also read "Scams on Local People" and "Beware of Computer Scams" – you or your family could be the next victim. Please also let us know if you have been the victim/attempted victim of a scam so that other people can be warned.
5. **Wanted your unwanted jig saw puzzles** – If you are one of those people who buys a jigsaw puzzle for Christmas and then gives it to a charity shop, please consider giving it to Rose. It's always difficult to find prizes on a tombola which appeals to men but puzzles appeal to men and women alike. Only complete puzzles please, though – no missing pieces!!!
6. **Next Meeting** – 7.30 pm - 5th February, The Benbow Club, Pound Lane, Bowers Gifford, SS13 2HN

Wishing Everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Rose Griffin-Twidell (Chairman), Derek Twidell (Secretary), Tracy Calver (Treasurer), Tina Whitham (Website Co-ordinator), George Smith, Gary Lee, Laura Watts and Carole Turkson (co-opted member from Pitsea).....and our new member Jon Horwood who was voted in at the October AGM.

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