

## HHAG NEWSLETTER NUMBER 4 (29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009)

Hello Everyone,

Well, three weeks have passed since our last newsletter. Thank you to all of you who have posted objections to the planning application on the web site and by mail. Some of you have written to say that you have found it impossible to get into the WDC site to put in your objection. We have found another way around it, as follows:

Direct link is : <http://planningpa.wycombe.gov.uk/PublicAccess>

Using left hand column, click Planning and then click Application Search. Type 09/05790/FUL in Application Case Reference and click search at bottom of screen, then click to view where you can submit comments.

Or, as before, you can write with your objection to:

**Mr Charles Power, Development Control, Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe HP11 1BB quoting reference 09/05790/FUL.**

*Please remember, we only have until last thing on 4<sup>th</sup> June to get objections in. If you've already put one in yourself, please drum up support from friends and neighbours. Every little helps!!*

### BUCKS FREE PRESS

We are still campaigning through the letters page of the Bucks Free Press. If you haven't written a letter already, please write to express your thoughts on the matter.

### BANK ACCOUNT

The bank account details for the fighting fund are:

Account Name: Hemley Hill Action Group  
Account Number: 00678223

You can pay money in over the counter at Lloyds in Princes Risborough High Street or, if you want to make a payment by internet, the bank sort code is 30 96 86.

Some of you have already kindly given. Even small sums are welcome to pay for legal support and publicity.

### SOME BAD NEWS

The gypsies moved a huge mobile home onto the site on Thursday afternoon. This was in flagrant disregard of the high court injunction to carry out no further development. Maria Whyte from WDC attended, as did a young female PCSO from the local police. So far, no action has been taken. The police are saying it's a "civil matter" and the council just say they are considering their options (!) So, those of us who pay our local taxes and expect something for our money are once again sorely disappointed.

We are keeping on the case and are making a nuisance of ourselves with the council and the police. If you want to complain, feel free to write to your local councillor or

Wycombe District Council direct. As for the police, well we haven't got any in Princes Risborough anyway, so nobody to complain to there.

### GENERAL NEWS

All members of the group have been very busy over the past few weeks. We've been trying to get straight answers to simple questions from WDC, but to no avail. I can't go into too many details publicly, but suffice to say that the council still have no real idea who has bought the site and who is living on it. One suspects that, if the government brought in ID cards, they would still say that gypsies are a "special case", so they have no need to prove who they are! Only law-abiding taxpayers would be forced to carry them.

In the end, we went ourselves to the solicitor's office who arranged the sale and we managed to prise some paperwork out of him showing the details of the sale. Again, the purchasers had given their names, but no addresses. Of course, any normal person would have to provide ID in order to purchase any land or make a money transfer, but again it seems that UK law does not apply to gypsies.

We have complained to Environmental people about the bright lights at the site and the fact that generators are running very late every evening. You can hear the noise for a long way around the site. But of course, no action has been taken. Ditto the fact that seven portaloos have been brought onto the site in contradiction of the injunction, but again no action.

We have put in complaints to the police about anti-social behaviour, but again, they don't take them seriously.

We've paid a lot of money to get the best legal opinion on where we stand regarding the covenants on the land. Unfortunately, the answer is that we might be able to take the people at the site to court (if we knew who they were) but, even if we won, how would we get any payment?

We are now anxiously awaiting the outcome of the retrospective planning application (closing date for objections, next Thursday). We'll have to wait a while to hear the outcome and as soon as we know, we'll pass the information on to you. Even if the application is rejected, we all know that nothing will happen for some time afterwards, because this is a "special case".

It's worth mentioning that Wycombe District Council has taken no action at all to try to find an alternative site for these people, which would be well away from normal residential areas. Knowing this, the gypsies can claim that they have nowhere else to go. Again, our high local taxes do not seem to produce any hard work from the local council.

If the gypsies were evicted from the site tomorrow, the council would have to find them alternative accommodation, so this may well have something to do with the fact that the council are dragging their heels.

Following this point, we have put in a Freedom of Information request to WDC to find out what went on behind the scenes regarding why they didn't accept the full injunction that they got (which would have enabled them to evict the gypsies straight away). (For those of you who don't know, they went back to the court and got the injunction downgraded to a status quo injunction, which meant the gypsies could stay on the site). We're

pressing them to tell us exactly what went on – perhaps they wanted the gypsies to stay there? Who knows?

Well, there's been lots more activity than I can put into this short report so I'll end there. Thanks for your continued support. The Hemley Hill Action Group will keep working tirelessly on your behalf to try to get this horrible situation sorted out. Please help us by keeping pressure on your local councillors and the people at WDC.

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