

Throop - Muscliff - Strouden
AREA FORUM
Townsend - Holdenhurst

Public Meeting

Thursday 2nd October 2008 ~ 7pm to 9pm
at Bournemouth School for Girls, Castle Lane
(ACCESS VIA MAIN ENTRANCE)

Agenda

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| Item 1 | Update from previous meetings | - Future of the Forum
- Townsend School
- Throop Mill
- Fire Safety Checks (Tel: 01202 538282)
- Strouden Park Community Centre
- Mineral Extraction Hurn
- Town Centre Master Vision |
| Item 2 | Gypsy and Traveller Site | |
| Item 3 | Proposed Destruction of Green Belt - SWRA Regional Spatial Strategy | - Tobias Ellwood MP and Local Councillors |
| Item 4 | Residents Question Time | - Residents are invited to submit questions |
| Item 5 | Any Other Business | - Proposed date of next Forum meeting
12th February 2009
- Website: www.tmsthareaforum.co.uk
- E-mail: tmsthareaforum@yahoo.com |

N.B. THE FORUM RECEIVES FUNDING FOR DISTRIBUTION AND VENUES FROM THE COUNCIL, BUT IT IS TOTALLY INDEPENDENT OF COUNCIL POLICY. IT IS A NON-POLITICAL, NON-PARTISAN PLATFORM FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN. YOUR OPINIONS AND SUPPORT ARE NEEDED AND WILL COUNT

URGENT LOCAL NEWS

- Do you think local decisions should be made by Bournemouth people?
- Do you want to see less flats and more affordable family homes built?
- Do you believe green space is important for us and future generations?
- Do you think Castle Lane is congested?
- Do you love this area?

Only by standing together can we save our area now -
turn over to find out how!

Throop, Muscliff, Strouden, Townsend and Holdenhurst Area Forum

Development Plans in South East Dorset South West Regional Assembly - Regional Spatial Strategy

The Secretary of State, Hazel Blears, has rubber stamped the unelected South West Regional Assembly's proposals for development in South East Dorset, the Draft Regional Spatial Strategy. This will force our Council, which has unanimously opposed these plans from the beginning, to provide 14,600 new homes plus a further **1,500 homes in Bournemouth's last remaining area of Green Belt**, i.e. land from Muscliff Lane to the Spur Road.

- This will irreversibly change the whole character of our area.
- The Green Belt will be lost for us and all future generations, destroying our quality of life, leisure, environment and protection of wildlife habitats.
- No provision is made for affordable family homes instead of flats.
- There is no funding for infrastructure to provide roads, medical facilities, schools or sewers. All traffic will pour on to Castle Lane, which will be gridlocked.
- The Secretary of State has trampled on local opinion and ignored all advice from our elected representatives, Councillors, M.P.s and the Council.

YOU CAN HELP! If we work together to "Save Beautiful Bournemouth"

Write to: Regional Spatial Strategy Team, Government Office for the South West,
2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, BRISTOL BS1 6EH

Quote: RSS reference 4.7 and Secretary of State's reference HMA7

Use: Simply write, or use the Comments Form available in Libraries
or downloaded from www.gosw.gov.uk Draft RSS Consultation link to RSS Response Form

Email: rssconsult@gosw.gsi.gov.uk

Fax: 0117 900 1914

Telephone for advice: 0117 900 1705

Tell them how the developments will affect you and your life, how our infrastructure is already overburdened and can't cope with all this development without massive government funding. Building on Green Belt will damage the environment and our quality of life and forcing these numbers on us will mean more flats, not family homes in sustainable communities. Our young people cannot afford to get on the housing ladder and economic growth has now halted.

We can make Hazel Blears listen, but only if we make our views known, so please write, spread the word and get others involved.

This Forum is a member of the Dorset Defence Consortium (against the RSS) consisting of 7 action groups, the Local Councils, M.P.s and Dorset CPRE, all working together, "to ensure that a common, robust message is sent from South East Dorset to the Secretary of State." (Cllr Nick King, cabinet Member for Communication)

Protest Rally - to "Save Beautiful Dorset" on Sunday 14th September, 11.30am for noon, in Bournemouth Square. Wear something green.

Attend Forum - Thursday, 2nd October, 7p.m. to 9 p.m. Bournemouth School for Girls

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and write, write, write, write, write, write, write, write, write, WRITE, write, write, write, *please write!*