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A new year – and we fight on !

At the start of a new year, we at Save West of Ifield would like to take this opportunity to reflect a little on the past year and to **THANK YOU ALL** for the support you've given.

Over the past year SWOI have been working hard raising awareness, researching and drafting our responses to Horsham's forthcoming Local Plan, and fundraising. We've recruited several professional consultants, established a close working relationship with Rusper Parish Council, and through your generosity and monies budgeted by Rusper Parish Council for mutually beneficial projects, we've raised and secured access to **£30,000!!!!** Fantastic in one year of fundraising. Thank you all so much.

You've been hard at it too, writing to Horsham Council and the papers, responding to Homes England consultations, attending our fundraising events and helping to spread the word.

So many of you have been so generous with your donations, support, time, and knowledge. We can't give everyone a name-check but we will say thank you to the Ifield Society, Ifield Village Conservation Area Advisory Committee, Ifield Cricket Club, The Plough and Attic Rooms, Rusper, The Plough, Ifield (our unofficial Head Office), and St Margaret's Church.

Thank you! ❤️

The battle continues. Horsham may have delayed their local plan, but we're still expecting it to be published this year, possibly followed by an outline planning application from Homes England, so please keep up the pressure. Keep writing to Horsham Council and the papers with your thoughts on West of Ifield being allocated in the Local Plan. Details of who to contact and ideas for what to include in letters can be found on our website on the Take Action page and Objections page, and in our December newsletter, at <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk>

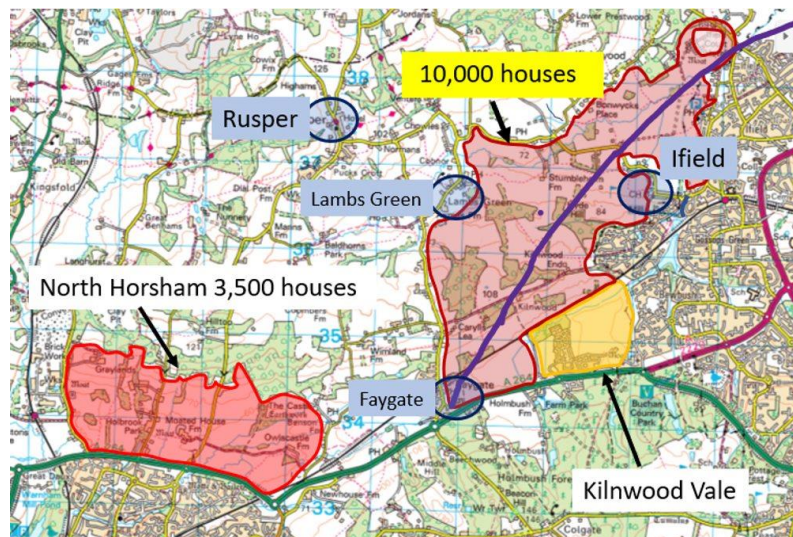
Call for Cash!

Save West of Ifield will be keeping up the pressure too, and whilst £30,000 is an amazing amount of money to raise, much of this has already been spent or earmarked for professional fees, printing and placards. This next year will be key, and our need for professional advice is likely to increase.

So, we're putting out a call for more cash please.

Other campaigns who have won their fights have needed £60-£80k, so if you possibly can, please consider making a donation to Save West of Ifield and attend our fundraising events. Details of how to contribute here

<https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/take-action>



Horsham's Local Plan delay

For more info on Horsham Council's decision to delay publication of its Local Plan until after their May election see this article:

<https://www.sussexpress.co.uk/news/politics/third-conservative-council-leader-quits-at-horsham-district-council-within-last-20-months-3981361>

We welcome this delay because we think more time is needed to consider the potential benefits of Michael Gove's recent

statements around modifying housebuilding targets. And other local authorities agree – at least 15 have paused their Local Plans for exactly this reason.

We do understand however that the Plan's delay could open the door to speculative planning applications from developers, but without more information it's impossible for us to form a view on how serious this threat is and the likelihood of a six month delay making a material difference, particularly given the constraints imposed by water neutrality.

Also on the plus side, given the inadequate consultation so far, this delay presents a real opportunity to ensure that residents fully understand the scale and potential impact of a new 10,000 house development between Crawley and Horsham.

Horsham Council's May elections also provide an opportunity to elect a council that most represents the views of residents.



For more info on Mr Gove's proposals - see the Government consultation here:

<https://tinyurl.com/wv7cw47b>

DO YOU WANT TO BE FAMOUS?

FILM STARS WANTED!



We're looking to make a short film for the campaign, and it would be amazing to have as many of you as possible in it!

So we're asking you to send us a short video. Ideally from

the land that's up for development.

This could be you explaining why you love walking your dog. How you enjoy the healthy Sunday walks (followed by Sunday lunch). Or about keeping fit with regular games of golf. You could even talk about your kids going to find the Ifield Dragon.

Whatever your story, we would love to hear (and see) it.

You don't need any special super-duper equipment. This can be shot on your phone (ideally in landscape mode so we get as much in as possible).

Once done, please email them to me at leeeepiphany@hotmail.com or DM it to the Save West of Ifield group.

We would like to get the film out by the end of February to give you all as much time as possible to channel your inner Spielberg...

Go on, you know you want to...

Posters

Please find a couple of new posters on the Media page of the website <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/media>

It would be amazing if you could download and print these posters and display them in as many places as possible – windows, cars, fences, the dog's back (!) to try to build up awareness of the issues facing us all.

We're also in the process of getting new placards, so watch this space on that one please!

SAY NO TO 10,000 MORE HOUSES

SAY NO TO 14,500 MORE CARS ON OUR ROADS

SAY NO TO 24,000 MORE PEOPLE NEEDING DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

SAY NO TO LOSING 1000 FOOTBALL PITCHES WORTH OF COUNTRYSIDE

SAY NO TO WEST OF IFIELD

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SAY NO TO CRAWSHAM

SAY NO TO A DEVELOPMENT THE SIZE OF 3 NORTH HORSHAMS

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