



Dear fellow Tollesbury resident

Welcome to our fourth newsletter. This one isn't an urgent "call to arms"! That's right – all you need to do this time is sit down with a cuppa for a few minutes, and catch up on what's been happening...

Over 1,000 objection letters

They're still being counted and input, but there are now over **1000 letters** objecting to the Gladman planning application to build 90 homes behind Mell Road in Tollesbury. That means about 45% of the adults in Tollesbury have objected.

We at HART think that's quite phenomenal, and we'd like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who has written, and of course, to all those who delivered the newsletters. What a terrific response!

When will all the letters be registered?

As there are so many it is taking longer than usual, but the planning team are working hard to get all our letters checked and registered as fast as possible. When they've finished, HART will announce it, so then you can [check the Council website for your letter](#). Then if it's still not there, please can you email a copy to Planning@maldon.gov.uk, or call the council on 01621 854477. Thank you.

Am I too late to object?

Not yet! The council say they'll carry on taking objections throughout their own 13-week review period, so up to 6th November. You can find sample letters on the HART website.

If you have already written in but you think of something else to point out, that's fine too: just make sure your second letter clearly states that it is in addition to your first.

Save the date!

**Saturday 14th
December**

Christmas

Party

**Tollesbury
Masonic Centre**

More info soon

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Why is my letter only summarised?

Planning team staff have assured us that the case officer has access to view all the letters in full, but they have decided just to summarise some of the template-based letters. They advise that this avoids having multiple long entries of the same comments, which would increase the number of pages to search through for those looking for their individual entry. The team say their main priority is to register the names and details of all the contributors as soon as possible, so that the system reflects the full number of contributors for the officer's report.

When will the Council make their decision on Mell Road?

A planning meeting is provisionally set for 7th November 2019 at 7.30pm, at Maldon District Council's offices, so it **could** be then - but we'll confirm it on our website and Facebook when the agenda is available.

Heybridge flood management

Countryside's original application (15/00419/OUT) was refused earlier this year because of concerns about surface water drainage at this low-lying site. The revised application provided more information on the drainage network operation, and a new Sustainable Urban Draining System (SuDS) strategy, explaining how the system will be maintained in the future, and by whom.

Does the Council's recent decision on North Heybridge Garden Suburb (NHGS) affect us?

Yes, this could have a significant impact. On 19th September the Council voted to approve Countryside's application (19/00741/OUT) to build up to 1138 dwellings, a residential care home, and a primary school. This is on a site between Heybridge and Great Totham - on Broad Street Green Road, Maypole Road and Langford Road. It's the third part of the suburb (the other two are underway), and is on land already assigned in the Council's Local Development Plan for housing. Unlike Mell Road, this is not an unexpected "windfall" site: it was planned for by the Council.

Assuming Countryside now progresses, HART expects this to boost Maldon Council's Housing Land Supply to well over the lawful 5 year minimum, making it much harder for unexpected applications such as Mell Road to be approved.

Fundraising news

Tollesbury has raised over £1300 already! Thank you so much to each and every person who has contributed to this: you're a star. This is the start of our war chest, in case Gladman goes to appeal and we need to hire planning consultants or lawyers. So far we've prepared all our documents – including the HART objection letter – ourselves, but we may need to seek professional advice in future.

If you'd like to support HART, please do come to one of our events – see our website and Facebook page, and look out for posters around the village. Or perhaps you'd like to help by donating through HART's JustGiving page, at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hartollesbury. If you prefer to donate directly of course, please do contact any of the HART team for details.

HART is not against all new housing. It exists to promote resistance to inappropriate building and over-development of Tollesbury, which we feel applies to the Mell Road proposal.

Please remember that any funds will be passed on to good causes in Tollesbury if they're not needed for the HART cause.

Wildlife and protected species

Have you spotted any protected species around the proposed development site? If so, Essex Wildlife Trust would really love to hear from you. You can report any sightings at www.essexwtrecords.org.uk/record/introduction. Anyone can do this, and records are collated by the Trust, for ecologists to review if there is a development nearby. If the Trust knows there are certain species in the area, they can protect them. If you don't have web access but want to report a sighting, please do contact HART.

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