

Booker Common and Woods Protection Society

(Registered Charity No. 289871)

Your Health and Your Environment... Are At Risk!

Mobil failed in their first attempt four years ago to develop the site by Booker Common and adjacent to the M40. The Application went to a Public Inquiry which this Society fought in support of Wycombe District Council and won with *your help!*

Since then, the rules for Motorway Service Area development have been changed. Mobil have not relented in their pursuit of an abomination on our doorstep and have submitted a second plan. This time around, we can expect less support from official government bodies from whom we had support last time.

The dangers to local residents' health have not diminished. Traffic is on the increase on the M40 at an alarming rate and our evidence, submitted at the first Public Inquiry, pointed to the subsequent increase in pollution levels all over Booker and Sands should an MSA go ahead. In fact, this Society were alone in submitting such evidence by our expert witnesses.



Continuous exposure to heavy concentrations of carcinogenic substances may even lead to some local premature deaths. We argued before how Booker and Sands residents are at especially high risk because they are *directly downwind*, most of the time, of the planned MSA. At the very least the pervading smell and taste of petrol and diesel fumes is unpleasant and is bound to have its impact on property prices.

Since then even more evidence on the effects of car pollution has come to light to support our argument. Unless we are seen to be fighting for ours and our children's health, we cannot expect support from other more eminent bodies.

But what is it that we would have to put up with?

The DoT forecasted that in 1993, M40 traffic passing Booker would reach 72,800 in a 16 hour day of which, 12,400 would call at an MSA. Actual traffic passing Booker in July this year (24 hr day) was 78,000.

Mobil's plan for an MSA provides parking for only 86 heavy goods vehicles, 500 cars, and 24 caravans. Other facilities provide petrol and diesel filling areas, amenity buildings, restaurants and shops. Clearly this would be inadequate and would mean further expansion.

In addition to air pollution is the constant excessive noise which has deleterious effects on the public and is now recognised by the Government. We would all be subject to a cacophony of sounds - revving engines, noisy exhausts, squealing and hissing of brakes, HGV refrigeration units, reversing alarm systems, car doors slamming, for 24 hours day and night.

The potential hazard to local wild life and the environment must not go unmentioned. The woods are 'ancient woodland' dating back well before the Domesday Book (c.1086). The effect that pollution would have on the trees would be disastrous.

There are many species of birds, both indigenous and migratory, that inhabit the woodlands. Many plants, including some rare specimens, would be put in peril. Small mammals, including muntjac deer, would certainly lose their homes. We would lose them and our woodland would be all the poorer for their loss.

WHAT TO DO!

Write to: Chief Planning & Development Officer, Wycombe District Council, Q. Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP11 1BB objecting to Mobil's application no. W/93/6641/00 for an MSA at Booker.

Support us in any practical way you can. If you can't get to the meeting, then pledge your support for us by joining us or contributing to our Fighting Fund. Whatever you can afford would be greatly appreciated.

No 'BLOT' on OUR landscape! - Telephone 0494 525665 now!

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

OPEN TO

BOOKER & SANDS RESIDENTS ONLY

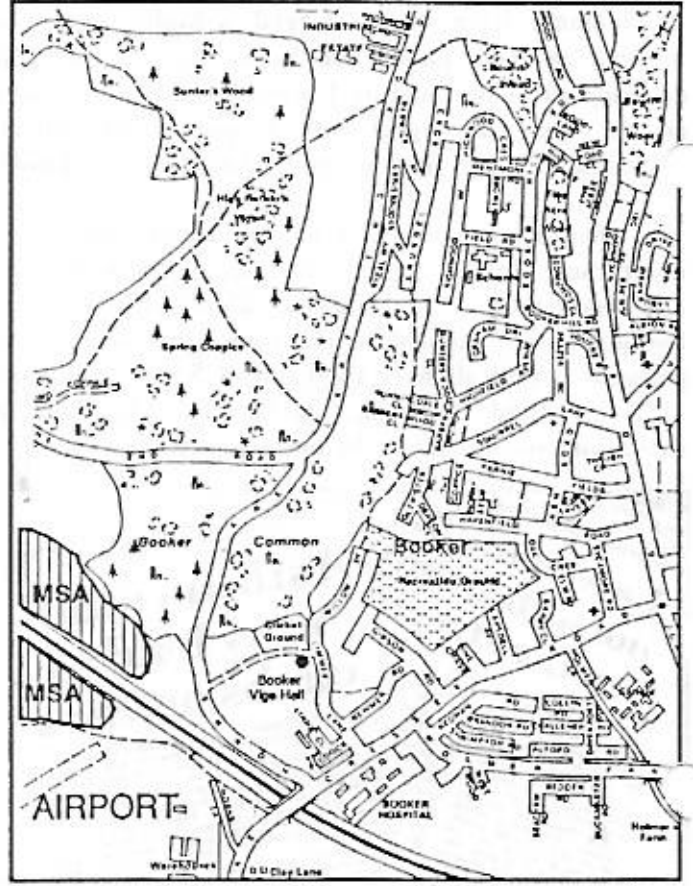
at BOOKER VILLAGE HALL

on MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 1993 at 8PM

TO DISCUSS OUR ACTION AGAINST A MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA



^{PROOF ONLY}
If you
live within
this area...



the M.S.A.
will affect
YOU!