

Booker Common & Woods Protection Society

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

8.00 p.m. Monday 22nd July, 1996 at Booker Memorial Hall,
Booker Common (off Limmer Lane)

**Subject: Wycombe District Local Plan Review
And 'The Key to the Future' Questionnaire
(attached)**

**GUEST SPEAKER is Mr. David Turner, Head of Planning
Policy and Economic Development for Wycombe District
Council**

Once more your open countryside is under threat of building development.

Because you fought back you helped stop Mobil's proposed Motorway Service Area in 1990 and again in 1995.

Your designated 'Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' (AONB) at Sands is under investigation for housing development. (Society Newsletter of May 1996 warned of looming dangers to your local environment and one of them is now imminent).

If this is allowed to happen your AONB at Booker will become vulnerable by reason of precedent and it would be foolish to imagine that Mobil will not take advantage of the precedent and Appeal for an MSA for the third time. (The Government Planning Policy Guide No. 7 (January 1992) para 3.9 says "... Only proven national interest and lack of alternative sites can justify an exception (to AONB protection policies)").

This exception to the general rule of AONB Policy would be supported by the precedent of an exception to the rule in the local interest of housing development.

Many Society members and supporters resident in Arundel Road, Carisbrooke Avenue, Rydal Way and Warwick Avenue are "gagged" from objecting by reason of a covenant attaching to their individual properties. (This surprising fact has emerged from the Society AGM on 20th May and the Society took legal advice).

It is therefore doubly important that everybody else objects in order to close the gap of loss of several hundred objectors, through no fault of their own.

**YOUR COMMITTEE CALLS ON EVERY MEMBER AND
SUPPORTER FOR "ACTION THIS DAY" BECAUSE
EVERY VOTE COUNTS.**

First: Those of you who believe it is the right thing to do, at Q. 24 please circle Housing No. 4 'Strongly disagree' column against the last Sands AONB entry, and then bring this attached 4 page questionnaire to the meeting on 22nd July.

Second: If you cannot attend the Extraordinary Meeting then your committee asks that you take just 5 minutes off to also:

- i) tick or circle Q. 25 to Q. 43 on page 4 in Section 5, and Q. 1 to Q. 23 on page 3 of the questionnaire in so far as you are able to or wish.
- ii) add your post code on page 4 at the bottom - not name or address.
- iii) and post free to Wycombe District Council Freepost HY 120, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe HP11 1BB.

All we ask is a little of your time to protect your future environment.

Remember this, Booker and Sands are not islands but are part of the same environment.

"No man is an island, entire in itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind;

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee".

From Meditation XVII by John Donne 1571-1631AD.