



December 7th 2012

Revised Woodford Aerodrome SPD Released

Following the public consultation on the Woodford Aerodrome Opportunity Site Supplementary Planning Document the revised version was released to the public on Monday. It is being rushed through the planning/approval process with indecent haste over the Christmas period with a series of 'extraordinary' meetings.

Two documents have been released by Stockport Council which may be accessed through their Woodford Aerodrome BAE Systems Site [webpage](#) or directly from the following links. These are:

1. [The Woodford SPD](#) - final draft for circulation
2. The Woodford SPD [Committee Report](#)

We understand that two further reports will be released but not until the Executive Meeting in January. These are a) The detailed Consultation Report covering the 735 comments from 264 stakeholders and b) A revised Sustainability Assessment.

The **good news** is that Stockport Council Officers have listened and responded to many of the concerns raised by residents, resulting in many significant changes to the SPD document.

The **bad news** is that certain major key concerns regarding Green Belt have not been addressed and indeed revisions may actually make the situation worse and even, unwittingly, create precedents that could impact on other Green Belt sites. Whether we agreed with it or not, the original draft SPD had a clear site masterplan. This has been replaced by 'three

principal options' as to how the site could be developed. Unfortunately, this means that there is now no clear guidance to Developers and it could be interpreted that they could move the permitted areas of development anywhere around the Green Belt in the Stockport side of Woodford Aerodrome.

The number of houses has been reduced, but it is still up to 850. This would represent a quadrupling of the Woodford population with an estate "bolted on" to the side of the existing village.

In addition, Stockport Council appears to have ignored their statutory duty to consult and cooperate with Neighbouring Councils by not addressing the concerns from Cheshire East.

Woodford Community Council believes that, since there are significant and far reaching changes to the original SPD, it should be subject to a further consultation, instead of being rushed through Council approval over the Christmas period. Indeed, the proposed changes to Green Belt should be reviewed by an independent inspector.

Approval Process Committee Meeting Cycle

The Woodford SPD will go through the following series of meetings for approval:

- **Stockport Council's Planning and Highways Committee** - this took place on 11th December, just three days after the public release of the revised document.
- **Stockport Council's Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme Area Committee** meeting, which will take place at 6.30pm on Monday, 10th December at the Woodford Community Centre, Chester Road, Woodford.
- **Stockport Council's Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee** extraordinary meeting, to take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 18th December at the Woodford Community Centre, Chester Road, Woodford.

with final approval at:

- **Stockport Council's Executive Meeting** - to take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 19th December at the Woodford Community Centre, Chester Road, Woodford.

What do YOU think?

Woodford Community Council believes that this is probably one of the most important developments in the North West for a decade and should not be rushed, poorly examined, through the planning and approval process over Christmas. If you agree, we would encourage you to make your opinion known by attending and hopefully influencing the meetings above.

Come and support Woodford United on Monday, 10th December

Stockport Council's Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme Area Committee extraordinary meeting,

at 6.30pm at The Woodford Centre, Chester Road, Woodford.

Please don't just assume that someone else will write. It is vitally important that as many people as possible put pen to paper! Your opinion counts please let it be heard!

If you can't attend the meetings, why not express your opinions in writing or by e-mail to our Councillors and MP.

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On a more festive note.....

Christ Church Woodford - Christmas Service

Sunday 23rd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion

10.15am A Christingle celebration for all ages. (Children are welcome to come dressed in nativity costumes if they wish)

6.30pm A Special Service of Readings & Carols

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve

11.15pm Carol Singing

11.30pm Holy Communion

Archdeacon Ian Bishop

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.00am Holy Communion - Bishop Robert [Stockport]

10.15am Family Service

No evening service

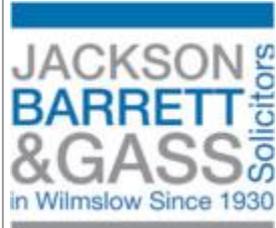
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