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Woodford, Bramhall, Poynton, Adlington and the wider community – the next few months present a glorious opportunity for us (the public) to have *our* say as to how the BAE Woodford airfield should be redeveloped. Obviously this redevelopment will have a major impact (for better or worse) upon Woodford, but it will also affect the surrounding communities. If nothing else, a larger Woodford will mean increased levels of traffic and greater pressure placed upon local schools and other services.

Obviously, problems such as this cannot be solved in isolation, and equally obviously there are numerous factors to be taken into consideration. The good news is that a major ***Public Involvement Programme*** is about to commence in which the public will be able to have a major voice in expressing their approval or disapproval of the numerous options with which we are faced. This programme includes:-

- **A public exhibition (w/c 23rd May)** – this will highlight the numerous factors to be taken into account, will give an analysis of both the history and present day situation of Woodford, and will explain all the development principles that need to be considered for any major redevelopment.
- **A design workshop (w/c 13th June)** – *this is what we asked for and this is what we have been granted!* Representatives of the local communities will have the chance to put forward their ideas in an iterative process which will, over a period of several days, reject some of the wilder ideas and begin to settle upon a consensus approach which has a chance of approval from all the interested parties. Of key importance is the fact that the workshop will be run by an *independent* facilitator.
- **A presentation of the findings of the design workshop (w/c 27th June, 2011)** – the issues and options considered during the design workshop will be presented to the wider community, with the option for the public to give further feedback.
- **Draft SPD (supplementary planning document) report** – this will be drawn up shortly after and will identify the *preferred development option*. Of key importance is the fact that we (the public) will have a further 6 weeks in which to make comments about this draft report, before the final version is submitted to Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area committee. (*Note:-* full details of the programme are available on the Woodford community website [here](#))

The coming months represent our best chance to influence the future development of Woodford along with all the related issues concerning transport and social infrastructure. Regardless of whether your chief interest lies in restricting the size of “Greater Woodford” or in obtaining approval for a Poynton bypass, we need your involvement!

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER !

It is vitally important to all the communities surrounding Woodford airfield that our views carry weight and that we can react promptly to changing events. For this, we need as many as possible to be signed up for the community newsletter. All the key decisions are likely to be taken in the next six months, and you need to be kept informed. If a friend or an organization has forwarded this newsflash to you, please ensure that you continue to receive copies of all future newsflashes and newsletters by sending a simple request to newsletter@woodfordcommunity.co.uk