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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and present were six parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillors Philip McGarvey and Brian Carroll, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and one member of the public.

### **Pedham Place still needs your attention!**

As per our last update in the Christmas and New Year edition of Trident magazine, SDC have led FPC to believe the proposed 2500 homes and associated development at Pedham Place had been downgraded to a 'Broad Location for Growth' subject to further investigation and of course its removal from the Green Belt. As such, we understood the 2500 homes were not tenable, White Oak Leisure Centre also not a factor as plans for its redevelopment are underway and needed much sooner than the 15-20 year phasing suggested for the site.

SDC have now published their 'proposed submission version' of the local plan for our consultation. Responses are needed by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.

Pedham Place is still very much 'in' the local plan, albeit as a 'Broad Area for Growth' phased in 15-20 years. The 2500 homes remain with the addition of a further primary school and secondary school. The explanatory notes appear to look positively towards its development.

FPC feel strongly that Pedham Place must be removed from the local plan to remove this threat to our local area. Please comment on the proposed submission version the local plan to let Sevenoaks District Council know that you also still feel strongly against the proposed development. The deadline for comments is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the site has a new reference number ST2-28. Your original submission is still valid, your original objections still stand, please take the time to resubmit your objections on the new consultation document found at:

<http://planningconsult.sevenoaks.gov.uk/consult.ti/PRESUBLP/viewCompoundDoc?docid=10514388&partid=10561460&sessionid=&voteid=>

Please make sure you are commenting on the latest version of the plan – the SDC draft plan website has become very difficult to navigate. If you would like to receive the link by email, please email Councillor Hall at [nhall@farninghampc.co.uk](mailto:nhall@farninghampc.co.uk).

FPC will also object on behalf of our community. We are also taking advice on the legality of the local plan and will update you on our progress and circulate our objections when formalised.

### **Footpath in front of Lion Hotel:**

Following a planning application by the hotel owners to restrict access, it has come to light that the footpath in front of the hotel that runs alongside the river is not in the Public Rights of Way definitive map. FPC will be applying to have the path added and residents are urged to support this application by making their own application via the website <https://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/correct-the-rights-of-way-map> Further information is available from the Parish Clerk.

### **Council Tax:**

FPC resolved to keep its share of Band D Council Tax unchanged at £70.35 per household per annum in 2019/20. All other bands will be unchanged too.

### **Roads:**

Cllr Gough reported that a traffic count at the Button Street end of the A20 is still being investigated as was the request to improve road markings around the A225 Eynsford Road junction. A double yellow line extension up the High Street towards Hillside was also still live and KCC is agreeable to the introduction of white lines at the front of the old Barclays Bank building and the entrance to Old

Parsonage House to alleviate parking issues. We will ask Highways England to review the timing of the traffic lights and traffic flow at the M25 Swanley Interchange as multiple issues have been raised by residents. The pedestrian crossing lights are also not working.

**Farningham Woods:**

Items of work proposed going forward is a new height restriction barrier at Calfstock Lane Car Park and coppicing of three acres of middle woodland. The gates at Button Street had the locks cut off by thieves and these will be modified.

Cllr. Carol Salmon