

ORCHARD LANE AND SURROUNDING AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

110 people attended the meeting together with our local Councillors:

Barry Aspinell
David Kendall
Vicky Davies

along with a representative from Essex Live, whose story is expected to be in the Brentwood Gazette 21st June.

1. Ian Palmer, Chairman of OLRA, opened the meeting by welcoming those present.
2. Vicky Davies made an opening speech pledging her support to fight the proposal. She explained that because she and David Kendall had pledged their support against the development, they would be unable to vote at the Planning Committee Meeting but they would still be able to speak against the proposal at the Committee Meeting. Barry Aspinell stated that in order to be able to vote he would need to remain neutral.
3. Ian Palmer then took us through the power point presentation detailing the three main grounds proposed by the OLRA committee for objection, within the Council's Core Policy 1 document:
 - Traffic and Highways Impact
 - Environmental Impact
 - Green Belt / Defensible Barrier

See website for full presentation details.

It was pointed out that as the letters must be personal, there are many other objections that could be added. However the letters should be brief and focused on the planning application and how the development will affect the local community. They should also be factual and devoid of emotion despite that being very tempting.

4. Barry Aspinell and David Kendall explained the process which would take place:
 - Objections to be submitted by 21st June 2018
 - Planning Meeting would be expected to take place between September to December
 - 15 Councillors on Planning Committee, (Barry and Vicky are substitutes)
 - Our local Councillors will let us know when the Planning Committee will take place
 - Prior to the Committee Meeting we can write to each member of the Committee with our objections and photographic evidence
 - It was stressed the importance of local people attending the Planning Committee Meeting

- If the development proposal is thrown out the Developer can appeal and it would then be down to the Inspector to make a decision.
 - If the developers review and amend the current proposal it would be seen as a new application and objections would need to be resubmitted. Those residents living locally to the proposed development should be notified of any new application by the Council.
5. Ian Palmer thanked everyone for attending the meeting