

Save Jealott's Hill Newsletter

25th January 2021



Fundraising Edition

Introduction

Happy New Year to you all from Campaign HQ. We hope you and your families had a good and enjoyable holiday season despite the COVID restrictions messing up a lot of plans. Let us hope this is the last time we have to go through that and by the summer we can all be together with our extended families and loved ones.

We now know that the Council is planning to produce their Submission Draft of the Local Plan in late March and this will be the subject of a public inquiry later in 2021. See <http://democratic.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=98106>.

We are certain this draft WILL include the infamous policy LP7 which is designed to enable the development of the Syngenta site with between 3,500 and 4,000 houses over a 25 year period. It is clear from recent documents published by the Council, as part of the plan evidence base build up, that none of the land at Jealott's Hill (the Syngenta site) is required to meet the Council's identified need for housing in the period 2020-2037.

We need to fight this plan at the Public Inquiry if we are to stop this development. We will be up against a swathe of legal and professional planning advisors who will represent the Council, Syngenta and various other interested parties, all of whom stand to gain massively should this development go ahead.

Where are we now

1. We believe that between £80,000 and £100,000 could, in total, be required to fight this attempt to extinguish such a valuable piece of the Green Belt in Warfield.
2. **This initial appeal is for a funding level of £25,000 which will be needed to obtain preliminary legal and planning guidance which must be committed to over the coming 3 months.**
3. We have a bank account with Barclays in Windsor. Details are on the “Donate” page of our website (<https://savejealottshill.com/donate>).

highways report, a Greenbelt and Landscape survey, as well as viability, ecology and flood
Save Jealott's Hill. We will also employ a QC to present Home se to In Brief rnn Details ect: Actions **Donate** Press
the Local Plan examination.

Direct Bank Transfer

If you choose to donate by direct transfer 100% of your money joins the fight

Save Jealott's Hill Campaign
Barclays Bank
Sort Code: 20-65-20
Account No: 83796981

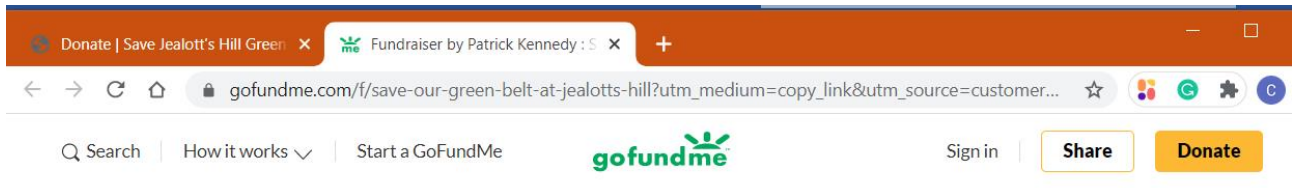
Go Fund Me Account

If you'd prefer to donate using a card then the button below takes you straight to our GoFundMe campaign.

GoFundMe retains 3% of your money.

[Donate Now with Go Fund Me](#)

4. Also on the Donate page of the website we have access to the GoFundMe page we have set up for donations from people who wish to make a card payment. GoFundMe is the most economic and secure of the fund-raising sites. It allows us to withdraw money for specified uses as listed below as and when required.



Save Our Green Belt at Jealott's Hill



£90,000 target



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Use of Funds

1. We will use funds collected only for very specific and clearly identified purposes.
2. The Committee members will not take any remuneration or fees for their services from the funds collected although properly vouched and approved expenses solely and necessarily incurred in pursuit of the campaign may be reimbursed if they were approved by the Committee in advance.
3. Proper accounting records will be maintained and regular reports will be issued and published on the website to account for income and expenses.
4. The constitution of the campaign provides that the Committee may only commit to expenses if it has sufficient funds on hand to meet the expenses. The committee is not empowered to run up any debt which exceeds the available funds.
5. At the end of the campaign if any funds remain unspent, these will be contributed to local charities and accounted for with the names of the charities in the final accounting.

The Committee anticipates expenses for

1. Professional fees for a Barrister to provide the following services:
 - (a) An assessment of the Submission Draft of the BFC Local Plan as it relates specifically to the Jealott's Hill proposal referred to in the consultation draft as Policy LP7.
 - (b) Counsel's Opinion as to the likelihood of success in a challenge to Policy LP7 at the Examination by the Planning Inspectorate.
 - (c) Preparation of the necessary "proofs" which Counsel will require in order to support the campaign case at the Examination in the form of expert evidence from appropriate professional consultants.

- (d) Represent the Campaign at the Examiner hearing when any and all matters affecting Policy LP7 are considered.
2. Professional fees for such consultants and/or other expert witnesses as may be deemed necessary by Counsel.
 3. Incidental expenses associated with preparation of the case including secretarial, copying and other clerical tasks.
 4. Should funds allow, it may be advisable to retain a Solicitor to handle instructing Counsel and preparation of the proofs etc and to attend the Examination hearings.
 5. In all cases the committee will seek to agree, where possible, a set fee for the services provided above so that there is, as much as possible, certainty as to the final costs in each case.

Help us stop

this



becoming this.



See below for details of how you can help save this piece of Green Belt in the Berkshire countryside from the threat of almost 20 years of continuous development

What We Need from You

1. We need your financial support if we are to procure professional advice and representation at the forthcoming examination of the BFC Draft Development Plan by the Planning Inspectors.
2. Tell your friends and family about the fundraising campaign, and ask for their financial help, whether they live locally or further afield.
3. Spread the word among any local bodies with whom you are associated and whose members might be, in some way adversely, affected by this development when, for example, lanes and public rights of way or bridleways for horse riding are extinguished by the development.
4. Help us with other fundraising events if and when it becomes possible to run these again.

5. Actively engage with the upcoming consultation to be run by the Council when the Draft Plan is published. We will help you with this by providing grounds for objection and wordings once the draft is released for consultation.

6. When you submit an objection to LP7 ask to be heard by the Inspector at the inquiry.

7. Ask your friends to follow us:

Website: www.savejealottshill.com

Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/@SaveOurHill>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/276748633252141>

Join our mailing list: <https://mailchi.mp/savejealottshill/maillinglist/>

Recent Press Coverage on Jealott's Hill and two other pieces of planning in the area of Warfield/Binfield:

1. <https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/18879840.bracknell-4-000-homes-update-local-plan-coming-soon/>
2. <https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/18870544.warfield-305-homes-plan-approved-council-chiefs/>
3. <https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/18850924.jealotts-hill-petition-4-000-homes-plan-submitted>
4. <https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/18698946.jealotts-hill-campaigners-urge-council-drop-4-000-homes-plan/>
5. <https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/18659738.jealotts-hill-4-000-homes-plan-sees-campaigners-clash-company>