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The Yateley Society

Latest News on the Local Interest Issues currently being worked on by members:

Mushroom Farm - And I just reported it had all gone quiet! Revised plans have now been lodged at the Council offices in Fleet. Our interpretation of the modifications is that the building size has been reduced by approx 13%. The new proposal is for 16,800 sq m of two and three storey offices (raised by underground parking and topped with rooftop service structures) with 672 car parking spaces. There are two points of entry/exit - Reading Road and Darby Green Lane, traffic calming is proposed in Swan Lane, Sandhurst Lane and Rosemary Lane. An exhibition and Public Meeting is to be advertised by a Focus newsletter for Saturday 9 September at the Frogmore Hall, Frogmore Road.

Silver Fox Farm - waiting for statutory replies from English Nature, Hants County Council etc.

Knellers Cottages, Plough Lane has requested permission for an extension to this listed building. If this is to be at the left hand end, the character of the building could well be affected.

Robins Grove Park, in the Conservation area, is seeking permission for 7 houses. We need to keep an eye on the details to make sure the character of this rural part of the Green is maintained.

It seems no-one at the Town Council can explain the explosion of roundabout sponsorships throughout Yateley.

We wait with interest to see if Balfour, Harpton Parade, are successful in applying for a licence to sell alcohol.

Minley Roundabout - controversy surrounds the question of ownership of the land on which this has been built. Is it Defence owned or Common land?

Handfords Barn - repairs are to take place, but a request has been made to remove the doors which currently face the road.

Cycleways - and where to put them. The Society has commented on Hants County Council proposals, eg as most cycleways are proposed on roads used by other traffic, congestion and safety are big concerns. Overall objectives have been asked to be defined - we won't hold our breath though. Your comments are welcomed by Adrian Collett.

Castle Bottom - as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), National Nature Reserve (NNR) and part of the Special Protection Area (SPA) for Red Book Birds (RBB?) we have to be concerned about its Rapid deterioration, Raise awareness and Rally support for action (3R's).

Our talk in October from the Environment Agency may help clarify matters.

