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The Yateley Society

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Please Note: Our Annual General Meeting will be held at Yateley Industries, Yateley on Thursday 20 February at 8pm. Please attend this meeting - it is essential that we have a quorum for the AGM to be held. If you have any nominations for the Committee, please let Tony Hocking know as soon as possible (01252) 875158 or email jo.hill@bigfoot.com.

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May I just wish all our members a Prosperous New Year! As you can see from our first two items, this year ends on a triumphant note with two positive decisions for the future of Yateley.

Barclay House - A huge turnout showed the strength of local opposition, and with just about standing room only, this inquiry dismissed the developers appeal and ruled against giving permission for additional housing within the grounds of Barclay House, mainly because of the adverse impact on the Listed Building.

Clarks Farm - The Inspector's decision to refuse the huge office development on the Clarks Farm site has finally been upheld at the Court of Appeal! However, Linden Developments have already lodged new plans with the Council, slightly smaller, but still causing all the same problems as the before. We have objected to Hart DC.

Fox Farm - Yet another planning application (the fourth!) has been lodged, this time for 8 houses at Fox Farm.

Objection letters regarding Fox Farm should be sent to Hart Planning Department as soon as possible quoting reference NC/02/-1343OUT. British Car Auctions (the owners) state that they need no emergency access this time and that they will have not have a significant effect on the Special Protection Area for Wild Birds!

Blackwater Valley Watersports, Moulsham - RMC have applied to extend the waters used for motorised watersports (jetskis). The application has been refused, but they have appealed. The appeal will be determined by an informal hearing at 10 am on 28th January 2003 at the council offices in Fleet. Local resident and Society member, Anne Davies, has presented comprehensive proof of evidence on behalf of the Society but, as we know, turning up at the hearing to show the strength of public opinion is a very weighty tool! If you are concerned about this issue, please go along to the meeting and support Anne.

North East Hampshire Transport Strategy - B3272 Road Improvements:

Over 600 people attended the exhibition at the Tythings and Lionel Newman, the officer in charge, reports a significant number of questionnaires returned - more importantly though - questionnaires with attached detailed comments for consideration. He said this was very positive because as the consultants were only in Yateley for a few hours, the real problem areas could only be highlighted by the residents and people that travel through Yateley regularly. The proposals were subsequently discussed at a meeting of the Yateley Town Centre Management Committee, at which the updated Yateley Village Design Framework project was presented. The Society members present feel good channels of communication are available and will stay closely involved. The Yateley Society response can be viewed on www.hants.org.uk/yateley/nehts1102.htm

Hart Local Plan:

The Local Plan has now been adopted by Hart District Council including controversial sites such as Clarks Farm, Darby Green, and Dilly Lane in Hartley Wintney. We hope that the victory in the Court of Appeal will result in the early amendment of the Plan.

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The Executive Committee (as elected at the AGM each February) meets every 6 weeks and this newsletter is published as a result of the reports produced for those meetings. The items mentioned here are not exhaustive, just indicative of latest projects and developments.

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