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Town and Country Planning:

The Hivings, Handford Lane - is an application to demolish the existing bungalow and replace it with a 3-storey building containing 8 flats with car parking for just 12 cars - not really in keeping with the area!

Manor Corner, 1 Mill Lane - This is a proposal to demolish a substantial house on the corner of Mill Lane (and opposite Yateley Manor School) and replace it with a 3-storey building of 10 flats and 15 parking spaces. The site is adjacent to the Conservation Area and is also of archaeological and historic interest. Apart from that, think of the traffic implications at this particular spot!

Blackwater Valley Watersports - Moulsham - The appeal on the application to extend the area where watersports are permitted has been granted. There are some restrictions on the boats permitted (no stand-up craft) and there is a requirement to complete an ecological appraisal of the margin of the appeal lake after one year.

Clarks Farm - although Blue Prince appears to have ceased trading from Clarks Farm, the future usage of the site remains subject to discussion in the form of an amendment to the Local Plan. Still watch this space I'm afraid!

Structure and Local Plans are being swept away! The Director of Planning says we are about to see the biggest change in Planning since the 1947 Act. Instead we shall get a Regional Spatial Strategy, possibly a Subregional Perspective and then, from Hart, a Local Development Framework (LDF), which will be a set of 'principles'. The County "have been written out of the script". Of most concern to us are local "Supplementary Planning Documents" (SPD) to be adopted by Hart and approved by the Secretary of State. These might be Parish Plans for communities up to populations of 10,000, or evolve from Market Town Healthchecks for populations from ten to twenty thousand. At 22,000 we might not fall into either. However the Yateley Town Centre Management Group are persisting with elements of both. Most work on planning will be carried out by "local volunteers". We were told that to do a Market Town Healthcheck we need a minimum of 18 volunteers. Farringdon, the only town to complete a healthcheck, needed 40.

We have two options: crawl back into the woodwork, or learn and use the new system to Yateley's advantage. The Village Design Framework Exhibition (see below) is the start of the new process. Please all come to the exhibition and see what's on offer, and how every individual in Yateley can influence our future. Bring your friends and neighbours!

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Yateley Town Centre Management Committee's exhibition entitled 'Yateley Village Design Framework "Ideas Day"'
Friday evening November 14th 6.45pm - 9 pm and Saturday 15th November 9.30 am - 4 pm.

The Studio at Yateley Manor School.

"As part of the Village Design Framework Initiative the County Council's Regeneration of Older Urban Areas (ROUA) programme would like to implement a first phase of environmental improvements in the village centre next year. The Town Centre Management Group has proposed that this is focussed on the area from the Hall Lane roundabout to Mill Lane and draft proposals have therefore been prepared for viewing at the "Ideas Day". The Town Centre Management Group will be seeking the views of the local community on these plans and responding to their comments. With funding from the ROUA 2003/05 programme, the North East Hampshire Transport Strategy (NEHTS), emerging contributions from private sector development and contributions from the district and town councils, there is a very real opportunity to demonstrate the value of the long term proposals by undertaking a substantial townscape improvement scheme in the study area."

Alongside the TCMG exhibition the Society is mounting a related exhibition "Church End" about the history of the first character area (the historical core) which will be getting the village framework treatment."

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