

Notes of Manhood Peninsula Action Group Meeting – 1 February 2021

Present:

Joan Foster (JF)	Hunston
David Betts (DB)	Hunston
Keith Martin (KM)	Earnley
Martin Mellodey (MM)	Sidlesham
Heather McDonnell (HM)	Donnington
Mark Hitchin (MH)	Donnington
Harry Quenault (HQ)	Parish Clerk Apuldram/Dell Quay

Notes:

1. JF gave an update on the activities of Save Our South Coast Alliance (SOSCA) and Stand Up for Chichester (SU4C). SU4C are leading a pro-active publicity campaign, with a particular focus on the Stockbridge Link Road and what we are not being told by Chichester District Council (CDC).
2. A new campaign has been launched on 38 Degrees called "Chichester Northern Bypass, started by someone called Ivor Soutar. It asks for support for a northern bypass.
3. Research into Housing Numbers. A volunteer is looking into the housing numbers on the Manhood Peninsula over the last five years and ongoing applications.
4. There are new planning applications coming in over the Peninsula, some on sites identified in the 2020 HELAA.
5. Discussions took place as to the evidence base that could be built to support opposition to planning applications.
 - a. KM informed the meeting that they had used a traffic consultant, who had helped by demonstrating that the applicant was not using accurate data over an application for 100 dwellings in Clappers Lane.
 - b. CDC are now acknowledging the flooding dangers and impact on the environment in some areas. It was felt important that this was applied to the whole of the Peninsula, none of which is more than 10m above sea level.
 - c. Southern Water, who are under pressure from CDC, only quote capacity when it is dry and do not take-into-account the ever-increasing heavy rainfall.
 - d. It was noted that the argument that housing could counter balance the discharge of nitrates caused by agriculture was flawed (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15607159/>) It also does not take-into-account the loss of agricultural land
 - e. JF would work on producing an evidence base to cover flooding, traffic, sewage etc.

6. It was agreed that it would be helpful if all parishes were made aware of planning applications, so that they could comment. For example, a development in Selsey would affect the traffic through Sidlesham, Hunston, then meeting the traffic from North Mundham and Pagham.
7. JF informed the meeting that CDC no longer write to inform neighbours of planning applications. They only require a notice to be displayed. JF had been in touch with CDC over this as she was concerned it did not meet statutory requirements. She has been assured that it does and is adequate. Tony Whitty should be writing to all parishes to inform them of this change.

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