Birdham Village Residents Association

working to retain the character of Birdham, now and in the future

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Dear Itchenor Resident,

New Housing Development in the Harbour AONB

As you are no doubt aware, there is currently enormous pressure on the Manhood Peninsula to allow housing development, and land within the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a prime target. In Birdham we are faced with a planning appeal against the developer who wants to build 46 houses within the AONB, and other such developments may be in the pipe line.

The Birdham Village Residents' Association feel it's important that we must present the best possible case giving the inspector reason to make a definitive determination that will protect the AONB here and elsewhere. In simple terms the more professional our objection, the better chance of stopping the development. If we lose this case then the whole of the Chichester Harbour AONB will become vulnerable to building development. To that end we have employed a planning consultant and a barrister as well as a landscape expert.

We are therefore raising the money to pay for this.

If you feel that you would like to make a contribution to our cause then in the first instance, please email chair@birdhamvra.org.uk pledging an amount. We will then contact you with details as to how we intend to collect these funds.

This letter is being distributed by the Itchenor Society, which supports us in our opposition.

With very best wishes

The BVRA Committee

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