

Marsh Lane Action Group (Campaign against Core Strategy - CN3)

The Marsh Lane Action Group was formed by local residents concerned about Council proposals to build 90 new homes on land east of Marsh Lane (CN3 of the Core Strategy), which would see houses built on Green Belt, flood plain and close to a nationally important SSSI.

The Action Group canvassed all roads east of Fairmile Road and collected 512 completed objection forms by the deadline of June 25th. These were all delivered to the Planning Team at the Council as individual objections.

Some residents also sent in their objections separately, so the total number of objections in the end was close to 600. Objections were also submitted by Chris Chope MP, Natural England, the Dorset Wildlife Trust and the RSPB.

The campaign against CN3 has also been featured in 3 local newspapers (the Echo, the Christchurch Advertiser and the New Milton Advertiser). There was also a live broadcast from Marsh Lane on BBC Radio Solent on July 18th.

Our ward councillors have been fully supportive of the Action Group's efforts. We have also received messages of support from 7 other councillors. All 24 Christchurch Borough Councillors have been regularly updated as the campaign has built up.

The Planning Team has been keying all responses on to its Pre-Submissions Website. We are currently waiting for them to confirm when the next phase will begin, which is the review of the proposals (which may include a consideration of alternative sites).

It is likely to be around the end of September before we hear whether we have been successful in having CN3 deleted from the Core Strategy.

Marsh Lane Action Group (Campaign for road safety improvements)

Following a serious road accident at the junction of Marsh Lane and Walcott Avenue on June 29th, the Action Group has also been campaigning for road safety improvements along the straight section of Marsh Lane / Bronte Avenue.

We currently have 84 signatures on a petition to this effect.

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