

Your last chance to save the Gilston - Eastwick - Hunsdon Green Belt

On the morning of Wednesday, 8th November the government-appointed Examiner will be considering in detail Chapter 11 of the East Herts' District Plan which deals exclusively with their proposals (in reality Places for People [PFP]'s proposals) for the Gilston Area. East Herts planners will, doubtless, continue to tell the Examiner these proposals have been developed with the support of the local community; this is important for them because it is a requirement of the government's Garden Towns initiative.

The Hunsdon, Eastwick & Gilston Neighbourhood Plan Group (HEGNP) has made it abundantly clear to East Herts Council that it has overwhelming concerns about the impact on local villages—specifically the loss of Green Belt, the absence of demonstrable plans to provide adequate infrastructure and the inevitable gridlock of local transport. These are the concerns that emerged when we held a genuine consultation recently with the local community rather than the stage-managed events put on by PFP which provided no answers to any meaningful questions. HEGNP has been working over the past weeks with consultants to collate and prepare these concerns in preparation for their professional presentation to the Examiner on 8th November.

We need to impress on the Examiner the truth about local concerns over the Gilston Area. Please help us in this; to overcome transport concerns, HEGNP will be arranging (free) coaches to take residents to the Examination in Public at EHC's offices in Hertford on 8th November. Our purpose is twofold; firstly to demonstrate to the Examiner, EHC, PFP and the local press the absence of local support for the proposals, and secondly to provide for those who genuinely want to observe the discussion. **PLEASE GO TO www.hegnp.org.uk FOR DETAILS OF THE COACHES AND TO BOOK A SEAT OR, IF YOU DON'T HAVE INTERNET CONNECTION, CALL 01279 635198 (Eastwick & Gilston) OR 01279 842783 (Hunsdon). SAVE OUR PRECIOUS GREEN BELT!!**

