

NEWSLETTER October 2019

The **Better Wetherby Partnership** is a consortium of local people from a variety of organisations who contribute to initiatives designed to help make Wetherby and the surrounding villages better for the community of both current and future generations. A current focus is our concern about the negative impact on the Town and local area resulting from large-scale house building.

SPOFFORTH HILL / STOCKELD PARK – PUBLIC INQUIRY

In the September newsletter, we reported that the planning application by Stockeld Park and Hallam Land Management, to build 210 houses on the North Yorkshire side of the boundary with Wetherby had been rejected by the Harrogate Planning Committee on 17th September 2019. This outcome, the fourth hearing in respect of this application over the past 18 months, was welcome news for the hundreds of people who objected.

However, Stockeld Park and Hallam Land Management have appealed the decision, which continues the regrettable uncertainty. There will be a Public Inquiry scheduled to last for four days, commencing on 17th December 2019 in the Harrogate Civic Centre. *Further details will be circulated when information is available.*

If the appeal is successful the development will adversely impact on Wetherby and local villages by harming the landscape and local environment, add to the existing problems of traffic congestion and air pollution, as well as placing further pressure on overburdened schools, doctors and other local services.

Better Wetherby has applied to participate in the Inquiry and will work in support of Harrogate District Council in contesting the appeal by Stockeld Park and Hallam Land Management. To strengthen our case, **Better Wetherby** is currently looking to retain expert independent consultants in respect of landscape, highways and planning matters, to provide evidence and reports at the Inquiry. To do this funds are urgently needed.

URGENT APPEAL

Although some people and organisations have already kindly contributed, **Better Wetherby** needs further financial support to pay for expert consultants. Public support is essential to increase the chance of success. Please consider helping to protect your community by making a donation to:

Name: **Better Wetherby Partnership Ltd**
Sort Code: **402312**
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