



## Elstree & Borehamwood Residents Association

### Minutes of Meeting for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Held at:** St Theresa's Church Centre, Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1TG

**Committee Members Present:** Andy Lewis (Chair), Suzanne Alford (Treasurer) and John Fort

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#### Updates Since Our Last meeting:

##### **China Sister Town Project Update:**

Cllr Pat Strack updated EBRA by email and said:

- ◆ The report on the committee's first trip to China was presented to Full Council on 17/1/18 and is in the new edition of the Town Crier.
- ◆ Negotiations are underway with Borehamwood Football Club for a summer school. The proposal is that Huainan will pay for Chinese students to come over and attend a summer school. Students who live in Elstree and Borehamwood will be chosen by their schools to take part as well. These plans are in the early stages of negotiations.
- ◆ A group of business people from Huainan Studios will visit Elstree and BBC Studios later this year. This is at the planning stage.
- ◆ A competition will be held to encourage Town pupils to exchange with Huainan students by any media available e.g. skype etc. They will be asked to say why they would want a Chinese 'pen pal'. This is at the planning stage but more details will be in the next edition of Town Crier coming out in April.

During our meeting Tony Clayden asked 'If China are paying for Chinese students to come here, who will fund these students to go to China?'

*Answer from Cllr Pat Strack: 'We will have to raise our own funds for this. We will also seek help from the British Council'.*

##### **Aldenham Reservoir Update:**

Cllr Pat Strack updated EBRA by email and said:

- ◆ In respect of ongoing maintenance of the footpath around the reservoir, helpful discussions about the footpath took place between Aldenham Country park trust Ltd, Liberty Aldenham and Hertfordshire County Council last week and more details will follow in the next couple of weeks. ACPT Ltd committee will meet in early Feb. The ACP advisory Panel will meet after that.
- ◆ Cllr Pat Strack also added that they seek to get Liberty Aldenham's objection to the footpath being designated as a public right of way settled amicably.
- ◆ The discussions are only regarding dealing with the part of the footpath that is not already public right of way.

## **Reviva Compost Waste Site Update:**

Cllr Pat Strack updated us by email and said:

The STENCH COMMITTEE have not met for some time as they are working behind the scenes and waiting for REVIVA directors to meet the Hertfordshire County Council deadline for submitting their planning application which is on 31/1/18.

- 1) The Committee noted that from the beginning of the autumn that the compost at Elstree Hill South was gradually being moved away from the site to the Woodcock Hill Farm site in Barnet Lane. The smell was unbearable at times and could be smelt in both North and South Borehamwood. Residents could smell the compost being deposited at Woodcock Hill Farm. Committee members were in touch with Hertfordshire County Council who were testing the compost being deposited to ensure that it had broken down to the PS10 level. Investigations were taking place to see if the 'agricultural fields' where the compost was being deposited were in fact agricultural. They have had no answer to that yet. The investigations were being made by officers from HBC and HCC.
- 2) The committee were promised a meeting with HCC officers and Environment Agency Officers in Sept 2017. The offer was withdrawn. The committee then met with Oliver Dowden and a meeting was set for 9th October.
- 3) STENCH Committee members Myk Tucker and Mike Branston (from Brockley Hill Residents Association) did some investigating and found that Warwick University Research Department could actually use a method to detect and record odours and produce evidence to support residents claims of odours. This would cost £3k. STENCH committee members including Elsa attended an Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society meeting to put a proposal to them for funding. EBGBS applied for a grant from the Town council but this was turned down.
- 4) Just to clarify that in December, Pat Strack was made aware that Elsa Reyes, a local resident, had started a facebook page and started up 'STENCH Elstree' which is separate from the original STENCH Committee.
- 5) The STENCH committee have been monitoring the progress of the REVIVA application. Information indicates that REVIVA will apply for a change of use from composting to another form of waste possibly car breaking or bales of other waste or even UPVC windows and doors.
- 6) New and more stringent regulations for compost sites come into being in January and even more in March. Due to financial constraints, REVIVA is unlikely be able to afford to implement these new measures or afford costs of going to court if another court case is pursued. Therefore they need to cut their losses. In our view the site is likely to stop composting by the end of March.

Cllr Pat Strack's personal opinion is that Elstree residents would be better served by a change of use to residential rather than other forms of commercial. Any form of commercial waste will involve polluting lorry movements attracted from a wide area. Elstree village needs homes for local people to keep the Village alive.

'STENCH Elstree' organised a March on 14th January. Seven Councillors took part and four 'STENCH' Committee members and supporters took part as they wanted to show that they supported 'STENCH Elstree' residents in wanting to get REVIVA removed.

## **STENCH Elstree:**

As noted above 'STENCH Elstree' is a separate campaign group to the above STENCH group, led by Elsa Reyes, a local resident who lives near the Reviva compost site. Elsa and her group felt they had to do a march as they felt they were at their wits end with lack of visible progress with resolving the problem and fed up with broken promises. So on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 they organised a protest march through Elstree. This march was documented on local BBC London TV news. Elsa said that on 9<sup>th</sup> February they were having a meeting with Oliver Dowden MP. Elsa said if there was no action by March, then STENCH Elstree would need to reunite and discuss taking legal action. She said they

would however need money to cover the cost of such a step via donations from sponsors and the community working together. She added that the composting machines cannot stop, and they operate all the time. Even on Sundays when Reviva do not have a permit to operate. She concluded by saying it wasn't just a stench but a health hazard.

### **Loss of NHS Facilities - Closure of the Elstree Way Clinic:**

John Fort, a Committee Member, spoke at our EBRA meeting about the sudden closure of the Elstree Way Clinic (EW Clinic) in November 2017 and the overall deterioration in our local NHS facilities and loss of key NHS staff and GP's, with especial regard to the current background context of the large increase in the town's population both now and over the coming years.

#### **Current situation:**

- ◆ The current EW Clinic was destined to be closed anyway in due course so that they can build the new fire station on that site, with flats above as per the Hertsmere Plan.
- ◆ The EW Clinic was part of the Royal Free Hospital. They were equally surprised that the Hertfordshire Community Health had suddenly, with little notice, withdrawn all the admin team and receptionist, that the District Nurses were now being relocated to Potters Bar Hospital and that the EW Clinic was starting to close down in November 2017.
- ◆ This Clinic provided blood test and warfarin clinics amongst many other NHS services, such as Chiropody, an eye clinic and speech therapy.
- ◆ We understand that local GP surgeries are now undertaking some of these blood test services. However, there's a general movement to push away from GP's providing services, to using District Nurses and pharmacies instead, to take the pressure off GP's and their surgeries.
- ◆ They intend building a new NHS Hub on the car park end of the Civic Offices.
- ◆ We believe the new hub will be built in 2019/2020 but this has yet to be confirmed.

#### **Our Concerns:**

- ◆ Local residents including the elderly and disabled, are now expected to go to Barnet Hospital, Edgware Hospital, Chase Farm or even the Finchley Memorial Hospital. We know there are parking issues at most of these hospitals due to limited parking spaces. Public transport to these places is often unreliable due to traffic congestion. It is also far from ideal to travel by public transport if feeling unwell or suffering from infections e.g. in terms of spreading infections or picking them up if your immune system is compromised etc.
- ◆ We also have concerns that blood test appointments are not generally available at short term request but are being booked way into the future.
- ◆ Blood test clinics at hospitals often require a long wait in the waiting room for your appointment. This is far from ideal if you are feeling unwell or anxious. This is compared to the efficient service often provided by the EW Clinic, where patients could attend for a blood test, be seen and be out of the building sometimes within minutes.
- ◆ We would like many of our Councillors to be more vocal in representing residents of Elstree and Borehamwood with regard to, firstly, protecting and, secondly, increasing our NHS facilities and insuring we get a good deal.
- ◆ This proposed new hub, appeared to have been promoted to the public over the years as a new GP surgery, when in fact patients will not have direct access to their services but only by referral, for blood tests and other services etc. Their strategic aim seems to be to keep the GP facilities the same as they are now and not provide any extra GP facilities, despite numerous GP's coming up to retirement and others leaving and an increasing population in the town.
- ◆ We have hardly any information on any details for this Hub e.g. we do not know what exactly we are getting or when.
- ◆ There is clearly poor communication and a lack of user friendly and acceptable strategy between Hertfordshire Community Health and the Royal Free Hospital and GP surgeries in terms of the transition process of NHS service provision between now and the future over the next 5 years.
- ◆ John has asked people who have attended CCG meetings and some Town Councillors what they think we will get and they believe the new Hub for Borehamwood will have a Mental Health Referral Unit, a room for GP use and that is about it. There will be no new GP surgery or Urgent Care Service. Instead it will be just a 're-

hashed' inferior EW Clinic, probably without the blood tests and certainly no District Nurses as they have gone to Potters Bar hospital.

What EBRA have done:

- ◆ John has now written to our MP, who he states has discussed the matter of GP's in Borehamwood with the Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) who are responsible for Community NHS in our town. They state that they have plans for a new Healthcare Hub in Borehamwood which will include GP facilities in a few years' time! EBRA have grave concerns that our local healthcare system and residents/users' well-being will be severely compromised by then.
- ◆ John has looked at the HVCCG web site and the services provided by the new Health and Wellbeing Hubs throughout South West Hertfordshire which 'might' provide:-
  - ◆ Health Promotion and prevention service – weight loss and stopping smoking
  - ◆ Some GP, pharmacy and optometry services
  - ◆ Social care support
  - ◆ Tests and treatments such as x-rays. Ultra sound scans, blood tests, mental health services, minor surgery, rehabilitation and physiotherapy
  - ◆ Urgent care services for those who don't need full A & E
  - ◆ Support groups, classes and so on including those offered by the voluntary sector.

John noted that the important word here is 'MIGHT'. It then goes on to say that the focus will be on helping keep people well and looking after themselves and making sure that when people do need help, that services are coordinated so that patients get more joined up care and have less distance to travel wherever possible!

What Cllr Jeremy Newmark, who was present at our EBRA meeting, has said and done:

- ◆ Cllr Jeremy Newmark, who has already taken this campaign on board, pledged to have a meeting with the CCG regarding this crisis after he was elected and had this meeting earlier before our EBRA meeting. He said it was astonishing that the CCG were not aware themselves of the closure of the EW Clinic until a week before it closed. They realise they need to process the recommissioning of another clinic in the area which will take time and cost money.
- ◆ The situation is not helped by the fact that the Chair of the CCG is a local GP based in Borehamwood and they appear to have archaic rules in that it is a conflict of interest for this person to deal with the local Borehamwood area.
- ◆ Cllr Newmark also added that CCG's are designed to plan in 5 year cycles, where as local authorities plan in 20 year cycles. So the CCG is stuck in this chunk of time.
- ◆ Cllr Newmark said there would be no more GP surgeries.
- ◆ Cllr Newmark also added that Hertswood School were now requiring that any sickness absence by pupils, now needs to be covered by a Doctor's medical certificate, which will add further strain on GP services.

What can we all do?

- ◆ We suggest that people should email/write to their MP, Councillor (both Town, Hertsmere and Hertfordshire) or to Dr Nicholas Small, Chairman Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group, at:- Hemel One, Boundary way, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 7YU. Telephone 01442 898888 or email [enquiries.hvccg@nhs.net](mailto:enquiries.hvccg@nhs.net)

### **Crown Road – Temporary Modular housing:**

Hertsmere Borough Council have proposed to erect 28 shipping container style modular housing units in a two-storey configuration on a small plot of land between existing houses on Crown Rad, Gateshead Road and Cowley Hill in Borehamwood for people with urgent housing needs. To date at our meeting, 430 objections had been submitted to the Planning Department against this proposal on a range of issues from loss of privacy for the homes already in that area to health and safety concerns. EBRA understand that this container modules housing initiative is being implemented in many counties across the UK and only one planning application in Cornwall was refused, the rest were approved. This Planning Application will be heard at the Planning Committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

*Update: Planning permission was approved.*

### **Potters Lane Development – 17/2494/OUT:**

There is proposal for developing land belonging to the Wrotherham Park Estate off Potters Lane, in the Cowley Hill area. This will be for the new 'Hertswood Primary School' which will provide places for 420 pupils and a 30-place nursery. In the event that this proposal is not successful then the focus will shift to the Maxwell Community Centre site to locate this school. The County Council are not allowed to build any more schools and it is only developers who can build them. To fund the school, developers will be building around 58 new homes, of which 35 percent will be affordable, to be built off Potters Lane.

There is much concern about the impact this proposed development will have on the local area with especial regard to the effect it will have on the narrow and already frequently congested Potters Lane.

The consultation expires on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

#### **Police Update:**

No Police attended. This Police did not respond at all to our request. This update was extracted from the Hertfordshire Police's website:

- ◆ In January, Police in Hertfordshire ran a week-long campaign focused on raising awareness of the dangers caused by using a mobile phone whilst driving. This campaign was named '#PUTITDOWN'.
- ◆ A recent poll shows 24 per cent of people admitted to using a mobile phone to make a call, change music or text while driving.

#### **Buses and Hertfordshire Local Transport Plan Update:**

We welcomed Steve Simmonds of Sullivan Buses to update us. He said in terms of buses they have no news of changes in Borehamwood as yet!

Steve however has great concerns going forwards, in that an increasing number of buses in Hertfordshire are marginal as traffic congestion worsens and buses become slower and more unreliable and funding for concession passes reduces in real terms. Hertfordshire have to find more budget savings as do TfL (Transport for London).

He said they have recently heard that TfL are planning more cuts to services outside the London boundary following on from withdrawal of one service in Essex and the cut back to route 298 in Potters Bar. They found out this week that one of the TfL routes to Staines in Surrey is being cut back to the London boundary and there are rumours of frequency reductions to TfL services in Hertfordshire to improve service reliability. This may include the 107 and 292. Although at the moment there is no plan to reduce the 292 service, this could however change in due course when the new contract starts later this year. The 107 route may also be changed.

He also said that they know that the 84 between Barnet and Potters Bar is being reduced off peak and Saturdays, from every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes, and that the 242 which runs from Potters Bar to Waltham Cross is being withdrawn outside of the rush hours between Potters Bar and Cuffley. The routes provide the only link between Potters Bar and Barnet, Cuffley and Waltham Cross and this will mean residents of north east Potters Bar and the village of Northaw, will lose their bus service outside the peak hours

Hertfordshire are looking at how to save money but there are more demands on their funding as operators stop running marginal services. This means that their value for money criteria is likely to tighten. They have also been looking at withdrawing supported bus services during the lunch period and reducing the hours of operation so that a service can be operated with one bus and one driver. This may impact on the B3 which is not proving to be good value for money. Although a change of route may detrimentally impact on passenger numbers for other bus services. However, unlike other counties such as Derbyshire, Oxfordshire, Hampshire and Kent, they have not proposed stopping funding of all bus services. In Oxfordshire last summer around 75 bus services were withdrawn and another 50 cut back in some way. Steve stressed that residents need to use the B3 bus to ensure its future survival.

The 306 and 398 are not funded by anyone other than passengers using those buses.

It was asked during our meeting how much it would cost to have another bus. It was estimated it would be around £100k per annum and a TfL Bus would cost even more.

It was acknowledged that all buses were struggling due to traffic congestion. The consequence is cutbacks to services without additional funding.

Hertsmere Borough Council have yet to submit their local transport plans to HCC and have an extension to early February.

### **S106 and CIL Monies:**

Andy Lewis, Chair of EBRA, requested information about S106 and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies via a request for the freedom of Information from Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council. Hertsmere Borough Council replied with full details but Hertfordshire County Council were unable to respond as they said they did not keep data categorised by area, as we had requested, and that it would take them too long to get the information for us.

Andy concluded that he was impressed with HBC's response and detail with the CIL/S106 monies held.

**See Appendix 1 and 2 for further information.**

### **Any other business:**

#### **'Gratitude – a social initiative'**

As guest speakers at our meeting, we welcomed Sheila and John Carlisle who have set up and created a number of social initiatives in the Borehamwood area:

- ◆ For the past five years, they have run a worthwhile social initiative called 'Gratitude'. Sheila and John played us their new video which demonstrates what they do. They have an arrangement with local shops and supermarkets to collect donated foods from them that are at their sell by date (all vegetarian). Then with a group of volunteers (these include some volunteers who have mental and physical disabilities and special needs) every Wednesday morning, they prepare a hot vegetarian meal for anyone in the community to come and enjoy for free. They often get about 70 people turning up for this meal. If you want to be a volunteer or know anyone who might benefit from the experience, which is great for developing social and catering skills, confidence building and good experience to put on a CV, please contact Sheila. Or if you just want to come and enjoy the amazing free hot vegetarian meal, this is at 1pm every Wednesday during term time only, at St Theresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG.
- ◆ They have also set up an outdoor library in the Cowley Hill area, near the family shelter, they built a waterproof box which is unlocked, where anyone can borrow a book. They got this idea from France. This was a good location as the family shelter nearby, does not provide its residents with a permanent address, so they are not eligible for a library card, so this outdoor library is useful. The books are given by donations.
- ◆ They also beautifully transformed the small garden area outside the front of St Theresa's Church Hall as a thank you to the church. This was self-funded by local Councillors budgets, volunteers and donations.
- ◆ They have also appeared on ZPF tv in Germany who were impressed by their initiatives and came over to film them.
- ◆ They explained that they have now set up and got charity status and that under this charity they can access more funding in due course and so they are now looking for other new community care projects to take on board. Sheila also added that some projects may be determined by what she can collect or receive to make the project viable. John added that the best suggestions come from people who want and will use a specific project/initiative, rather than what projects people think should be available, in order for it to be successful.

John Cartledge suggested they have a feature in the next Town Crier.

If you have any ideas or want to help in any way please contact Sheila: Mobile: 07456 737767 or email [sheilacarlise.gratitude@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacarlise.gratitude@gmail.com).

## **New exhibition in the Museum in the Library: ‘150 years of Rail “All Change”.**

We also welcomed Bob Redman as a guest speaker, updating us on Elstree and Borehamwood Museum’s new exhibition called ‘All Change!’ (150 years of Railway). This is the latest project of the ‘First Impressions’. The museum is on the second floor of the library at 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood. It’s designed for everyone from children to school visits and adults. Free Admission. This exhibition is there until 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 but it is hoped it may be extended over the Summer period. Opening hours Tuesday to Thursday 12 to 6pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm. Tel 01442 454888 (during opening hours) for further details. Bob is still keen for any more memories and photos of the old railway. Email: [contact@elstreescreenheritage.org](mailto:contact@elstreescreenheritage.org)

## **Trial Concerts:**

A partnership between Town Council, Elstree & Borehamwood Rotary, Studio’s Satellite Rotary Club, Borehamwood Brass and Hertsmere Borough Council will see a trial of four dates of Band Concerts in the newly refurbished Meadow Park on a Sunday afternoon at the end of June and July. Hertsmere Borough Council have offered the free use of a Pop up Band Stand and the Band being approached. A means of funding for this is being sought.

## **Borehamwood Band Stand Project – initiated by Andrew Grady, Local Brass band committee member and enthusiast:**

Andrew Grady gave a presentation at a previous full Town Council meeting to initiate a project to have a more permanent Band Stand in Borehamwood to be funded by the above partnership (Town Council, HBC, Rotary club and possibly Leecliffe). The presentation was well received by those present. He envisaged a permanent Band Stand which would enable many kinds of use, from a wide range of genre of music, to dance and book and literacy and acting/performance events. Discussions are underway to decide which design of Band Stand would be best for a range of users. The Committee have spoken to a variety of groups to establish what their needs would be. It has been agreed that there will be no steps, so it will be wheelchair accessible.

Q) Tony Clayden (EBRA Member) asked ‘Who will fund it and who will manage it?’

*Update response from Cllr Pat Strack: It is in discussion but the E & P Committee have voted to use Town CIL funds and it will be maintained by Hertsmere Borough Council.*

Q) Cllr J Newmark said he wasn’t aware of any proposed band stand in the Meadow Park planning application.

*Update response from Cllr Pat Strack, who clarified the situation and said Initially the Bandstand was being considered for Aberford Park, but subsequently it is now being proposed as part of the refurbishment of Meadow Park.*

## **Other Music Events:**

The Town is celebrating 150 years of the Railways this year and the Town Council will endeavour to have a concert of music involving Trains e.g. the Railway Children.

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated with Military music and singalongs.

## **Aldenham country Park Fun Days:**

Aldenham Country Park will be having a Fun Day on Sun 18th March from 12 - 4pm in partnership with Town, Borough and County councils. To take part or for more details, contact Dan Salter at the Town council.

## **All Saints Church Coffee mornings:**

There is a partnership with Town council, Church and local organisations:

- ◆ Feb 10th - Creative writing event e.g. Books, plays and poems. Plus an opportunity to meet the authors and listen to readers of book excerpts, poems, and excerpts from plays.

- ◆ Mar 10th - Music Makers event - There will be a concert of local talent e.g. instrumental, acapella, singing, solos, and groups
- ◆ Apr 14th Photographers event - Landscape, portraits, black and white and colour photos. All forms of photography welcomed.
- ◆ May 12th - Town Pre Festival event – there will be a multi-cultural theme with singing, dancing, and food activities in 96 Shenley Road, the church and Piazza
- ◆ June 22nd there is the weekend Flower Festival with a Train Themed Exhibition for local groups.

To get more details or take part contact: [pat.strack@ntlworld.com](mailto:pat.strack@ntlworld.com)

### **Carnival Parade:**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June the Town Parade will start the Family Festival. The theme this year anything to do with trains. Thomas the Tank to Starlight Express, Railway Children to Casey Jones, Leaving on a Freight train to Chattanooga choo choo. Santa Express to a Ghost Train etc.

### **Beacon Lighting event and Remembrance Day:**

**The ‘Battles Over’ event** - which is where we remember those who gave their lives for this country in WW1. As a National Beacon Site, Woodcock Hill Village Green Beacon will be part of a chain of Beacons lit on Sunday 1/11/18 at 7pm. Andrew Grady will play the ‘Last Post’ at 7pm. Piper George McGregor will play a specially commissioned piece of Music. Bells of Peace will be rung out at 7.15pm. The partnership for this event is between Woodcock Hill Village Green committee, Royal British Legion and the Town Council. Other events will take place during the day in the Town, the Usual Remembrance Day Parade Service will be held in the morning. Royal British Legion will invite people back to their HQ. The Town Council will be organising an event at Fairway Hall.

### **Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.50pm at St Teresa’s Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, WD6 1TG.

Our future meeting for **2018** are on Tuesdays on these dates:

- ◆ 20<sup>th</sup> March (AGM meeting)
- ◆ 15<sup>th</sup> May
- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> September
- ◆ 13<sup>th</sup> November

**The End**

Email from Hertsmere Borough Council with their response to EBRA's Freedom of Information request:

From: "foi" <[foi@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:foi@hertsmere.gov.uk)>  
Date: 20 Dec 2017 13:01  
Subject: HBC\_FOI\_2017663 - Information request response  
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HBC\_FOI\_2017663 - Information request response

Andrew Lewis

Chair of Elstree & Borehamwood Residents Association

[chairman.ebra@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.ebra@gmail.com)

Dear Andrew Lewis

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request received 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Your request has now been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act and/or Environmental Information Regulations and we are able to respond as follows:

**Your Request:**

Dear Sir / madam,

I would like to request several pieces of information in relation to section 106 monies:

1. How much s106 Hertsmere council has received?
2. Of the s106 received how much was it for Elstree & Borehamwood?
3. How much s106 has been spent on year on year basis, since records began?
  - 3.1 Also how much was spent in Elstree & Borehamwood?
4. How much s106 has been refunded back to the developer/land owner on year on year basis, since records began?
  - 4.1 Also how much was refunded in relation to Elstree & Borehamwood?
5. What is the time frame in spending the s106 monies?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Andrew Lewis  
Chair of Elstree & Borehamwood Residents Association

**Our (HBC's) Response:**

**1. How much s106 Hertsmere council has received?**

Please refer to Table A

**2. Of the s106 received how much was it for Elstree & Borehamwood?**

Please refer to Table B

**3. How much s106 has been spent on year on year basis, since records began?**

Please refer to Table A

**3.1 Also how much was spent in Elstree & Borehamwood?**

Please refer to Table B

**4. How much s106 has been refunded back to the developer/land owner on year on year basis, since records began?**

Please refer to Tables A & B

**4.1 Also how much was refunded in relation to Elstree & Borehamwood?**

Please refer to Table B

**5. What is the time frame in spending the s106 monies?**

This is specific to each individual s106 agreement. Please refer to the expiry dates in Table C attached.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/councildemocracy/accesstoinformation/>

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Website: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request. Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

**Information Services**

## FOI 2017663

<b>Table A: All S106</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18*</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance b/f	920,645	1,113,671	1,715,999	4,303,868	4,145,033	7,730,652	7,739,523
Receipts	437,515	714,221	2,864,968	726,630	3,934,666	1,131,698	151,703
Interest added	5,028	7,092	13,700	18,809	26,947	18,555	-
Spend	249,517	118,986	239,484	881,659	375,994	1,141,382	124,393
Repaid	-	-	51,315	22,615	-	-	-
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>1,113,671</b>	<b>1,715,999</b>	<b>4,303,868</b>	<b>4,145,033</b>	<b>7,730,652</b>	<b>7,739,523</b>	<b>7,766,833</b>

<b>Table B: Elstree &amp; Borehamwood</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18*</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance b/f	543,762	645,011	842,719	1,224,078	1,067,409	3,170,730	3,606,154
Receipts	148,900	248,556	597,287	33,735	2,330,912	545,955	-
Interest added	3,013	3,532	4,694	5,213	8,042	8,378	-
Spend	50,664	54,380	169,306	173,002	235,632	118,909	36,140
Repaid	-	-	51,315	22,615	-	-	-
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>645,011</b>	<b>842,719</b>	<b>1,224,078</b>	<b>1,067,409</b>	<b>3,170,730</b>	<b>3,606,154</b>	<b>3,570,014</b>

### Notes\*

- Balance held as at 6/12/17
- New financial system implemented 1/4/11 therefore only balances brought forward provided before this date.
- Table B shows S106 receipts from developments in the Elstree & Borehamwood area

<b>Table C: Expiry Dates</b>	<b>Spend by Dates for S106 Receipts as at 6/12/17</b>											
	<b>No Expiry Date</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
All Receipts	2,733,362	83,055	14,116	172,239	67,214	133,409	105,841	3,787,664	475,417	6,024	188,493	7,766,833
Elstree & Borehamwood	1,528,688	12,727	2,592	-	67,214	48,558	21,974	1,797,501	16,848	6,024	67,888	3,570,014

## APPENDIX 2

### General Information about S106 & CIL

#### **What is section 106?**

Agreements are legal agreements between Local Authorities and developers; these are linked to planning permissions and can also be known as planning obligations.

Section 106 agreements are drafted when it is considered that a development will have significant impacts on the local area that cannot be moderated by means of conditions attached to a planning decision.

For example, a new residential development can place extra pressure on the social, physical and economic infrastructure which already exists in a certain area. A planning obligation will aim to balance the pressure created by the new development with improvements to the surrounding area ensuring that where possible the development would make a positive contribution to the local area and community.

#### **What can you get with s106?**

To be eligible for a S106 grant, a project must provide improved or increased community or social infrastructure, the need for which has arisen at least in part, as a result of a new development taking place.

S106 funding is available for capital projects only. Revenue funding towards on-going running costs is not available.

The types of project that might be eligible will be dependent primarily upon evidence that an assessment has been made of local community needs and that the project provides new or improved community or social infrastructure, Examples:

#### **Community Centre/Village Halls:**

Upgrading facilities which are the main community centre in a village and which are available for anyone in the community to use. The funding can support works such as new build, extensions, refurbishment, provision of disabled facilities and provision of facilities which will enable the hall to diversify its use. Examples of an eligible project:

- ◆ The installation of a new kitchen.
- ◆ Complete re-roofing of a facility.
- ◆ Entrance improvements including access ramps and automatic door openers.

Minor repairs, redecoration and movable equipment items are excluded from the grant scheme. Examples of projects that would not be eligible for funding:

- ◆ A new cooker.
- ◆ The replacement of broken roof tiles.
- ◆ Painting a meeting room.

#### **Multi-purpose sports and leisure centres which serve the general public:**

Building a new facility, extending or refurbishing an existing facility or the provision of disabled facilities.

Examples of an eligible project:

- ◆ The installation of a new sprung floor.
- ◆ Complete re-surfacing of an astro pitch.
- ◆ Upgrading toilets and changing areas to improve accessibility.

Minor repairs, maintenance, redecoration and movable equipment items are excluded from the scheme.

Examples of projects that would not be eligible for funding:

- ◆ Patch repairs to an astro pitch.
- ◆ Fixing a broken shower.
- ◆ Goal posts or other sports equipment.

### **Play facilities:**

Building new or substantially refurbishing play areas, teenage zones, skateboard facilities and similar. Examples of an eligible project:

- ◆ New play equipment
- ◆ New safety surface
- ◆ A youth shelter

Minor repairs, maintenance, redecoration and movable equipment items are excluded from the scheme. Examples of projects that would not be eligible for funding:

- ◆ Patch repairs to safety surfaces.
- ◆ Painting existing play equipment.

### **Open Spaces:**

Grants are available to parish councils and community groups for the purchase or leasing of land for formal/ informal public open space, recreation and allotments. Examples of an eligible project:

- ◆ A new trail and signage in an existing open space that improves accessibility
- ◆ Securing a piece of land to develop into a community orchard

Maintenance and repairs to existing provision are excluded from the scheme.

Examples of projects that would not be eligible for funding:

- ◆ Repairing a sign
- ◆ Replacing or repairing a damaged bench.

### **Improvements to health facilities:**

- ◆ The expansion of health premises to provide additional facilities and services to meet increased patient or user numbers;
- ◆ New health premises or services at the local level;
- ◆ Any new facility required to compensate for the loss of a health facility caused by the development.

### **What is CIL?**

Currently it is proposed that CIL will come into effect on the 1st December 2014 –

This is a new system of funding infrastructure through planning charges that the Council can ask developers to pay for most new building projects. It does not apply to conversions or to changes of use. The money raised can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure needed to support new development within the District, not necessarily in the location where the money is raised. It is based on a specific rate per square metres/ tariff rate.

CIL regulations do not specify the types of infrastructure which the planning authority can fund. There are three Identified broad categories of infrastructure: -

- ◆ Physical infrastructure: e.g. highways, transport links, cycleways, energy supply, water, flood alleviation, waste management

- ◆ Social infrastructure: e.g. education, health, social care, emergency services, art and culture, sports halls, community halls, faith, crematoria
- ◆ Green infrastructure: e.g. parks, woodlands, play areas, public open space

#### **CIL can be used**

- ◆ to expand, improve or repair existing infrastructure to support development; or
- ◆ on its own or jointly with funds from other councils, to fund infrastructure located outside, but that will benefit, the development of the borough.

#### **CIL can't be used**

- ◆ to fund affordable housing - except when using the neighbourhood share (15% or 25% - see below) allocated to town and parish councils or the equivalent share in unparished areas.

#### **CIL shouldn't be used**

- ◆ to make up for existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development;
- ◆ to pay for all the infrastructure required locally: CIL is just one of a range of funding sources that the council and other service providers can use;
- ◆ to fully fund individual projects: priority will be given to those projects where CIL money levers in additional funding from other sources. CIL should be seen as potentially filling funding gaps that arise when other identified sources of finance for a project have been exhausted; or
- ◆ as an alternative to normal sources of maintenance funding or for revenue costs such as salaries

#### **What is the difference between CIL (community infrastructure levy) and s106?**

CIL is different to S106 in that it is levied on a much wider range of developments and according to a published tariff schedule. This spreads the cost of funding infrastructure over more developers and provides certainty as to how much developers will have to pay. It is simpler and more transparent.

CIL is now the preferred method for collecting pooled contributions to fund infrastructure. S106 agreements will be scaled back to just cover site regulation and site-specific issues and will be subject to a new statutory test post 2014.

The advantage of the CIL is the rate is transparent and does not need to be negotiated. To ensure developers do not pay for the same infrastructure under both schemes, local authorities will be required to publish a list of what will be funded by the CIL and those items cannot be covered by a S106 agreement.

#### **How is CIL monies allocated?**

The Council's Executive decides on how CIL funding is allocated, based on recommendations from the CIL Investment Panel. The CIL Investment Panel is a cross-borough, cross-party group of councillors representing each of the borough's main settlements.

The Panel considers bids for funding put forward by community infrastructure and service providers, NHS trusts, health, transport and education authorities, with the opportunity for bidders to present their submission at the meeting and answer questions from Councillors.

The Panel is also advised by the council's Capital Strategy Group; when bids are submitted they are assessed by council officers in consultation with relevant stakeholders and then passed to the Panel with any advice from the Capital Strategy Group. An Infrastructure Delivery Plan is currently being drawn up which will inform consideration of CIL bids. The Investment Panel invites bids for funding twice a year.

The Panel aims to allocate a minimum of 50% (inclusive of any Parish/Town Council top slice) for infrastructure projects that will benefit the local area where the CIL has been generated, with the remaining funds being allocated to projects meeting wider infrastructure requirements in the borough.

**The End**