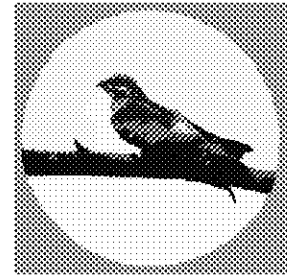


# BORDON AREA ACTION GROUP BAAG



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## April 2010 Update

We have been highlighting the shortcomings with the New Town plan for Bordon and Whitehill for a little over a year now.

We have avoided calling it an Eco Town in this update because it will be anything but that. The added air pollution from the resultant doubling of traffic will make any claim of it being an Eco Town quite laughable. If we do not act now, this will become a large dormitory town with insufficient new jobs to even replace those lost if the MOD leaves the town, never mind providing another 5,500 for the new households.

We thought you would be interested to know what we have been doing over this past year.

- BAAG organised a survey of 5,500 local people and over 90% were against EHDC's expansion plans;
- The BAAG campaign stand is manned by volunteers every Saturday. This is located in the Forest Shopping Centre;
- Rather than simply sitting outside and complaining, BAAG committee members attend various planning advisory panels which give feedback to the schemes promoters;
- We have sent briefing documents to all of EHDC councillors highlighting the deficiencies of the plan. A copy is available on our web site, [www.baaga.co.uk](http://www.baaga.co.uk);
- Headley Parish Council have been briefed about the plans shortcomings;
- Public meetings have been held at the Forest Community Centre alerting local people to our concerns;
- We have written to Hampshire County Council setting out in detail our concerns;
- At a public meeting in Standford, local residents passed a resolution against EHDC developing the farmland at Standford Grange Farm. The only reason for developing farmland a mile from the proposed new town centre is to compensate for their plans to build on playing fields, woodland, part of Hogmore Inclosure and other open spaces in Bordon;
- We have given detailed feedback on EHDC's new planning documents, namely, the 'Core Strategy' and the Master Plan for Bordon and Whitehill;
- Letters exposing the plans shortcomings are regularly published in the local press;
- Press releases condemning the plan have appeared on the front page of local papers;
- We have alerted Government ministers about our concerns for the town;
- EHDC lies have been exposed;
- A newsletter highlighting the shortcomings and dangers of the plan have been distributed around the town.

## What happens next?

Council Leader David Parkinson has promised a referendum on the New Town. We think that the referendum should be held NOW and will be planning a march making that demand.

Will you march with us in June? The provisional date is 5<sup>th</sup> June, but we will confirm nearer the time, so watch the press for details.

It is crucial that we know how many people will take part, so please let us know how many from your household would join us by e-mailing us on [baag@baaga.co.uk](mailto:baag@baaga.co.uk), we will then give you more details.

The more people we can bring out to march on the day, the more effective it will be. So please tell your friends and neighbours. It will only take an hour of your time, but it is probably the most important thing you could do to prevent Bordon and Whitehill being overwhelmed by new housing development. EHDC are already planning to build some 340 houses, ahead of any consultation or approval of their masterplan

The whole event will take about an hour and we expect the press including the BBC to be covering the event.