

STOP PRESS: The MOD and their partner, Entec, have now submitted an Environmental Scoping Report to WBC. A copy of their Masterplan is pasted overleaf for your information.

The plans remain unacceptable to many local residents. The worst aspects of the plan include:

- **Sheerlands Road & Barker Close:** 333 new houses to be built adjacent to these roads (i.e. the area marked 'R4' overleaf), plus a new main road connecting the A327 with Nine Mile Ride;
- **Whitehall Drive & Tyler Drive:** A new primary school to be built on the football pitches next to the tennis courts as well as on the tennis courts themselves;
- **Bramshill Close and Whitehall Drive:** The plan is to re-open these roads as a bus route to connect Bramshill Roundabout to the new primary school and on to the new District Centre;
- **Park Lane:** An extension of Hogwood Industrial Estate and Nine Mile Ride;
- **Sheerlands Road down to Hogwood:** Over 500 new houses (areas marked 'R6' and 'R7' overleaf), plus a new primary school, secondary school, 4000m² supermarket, a new District Centre including smaller shops and a doctor's surgery, and a bus interchange!
- **But it gets worse:** Rather than start any development on brown field and other sites 'behind the wire', the plan is to start the **development** with the areas listed above i.e. sites that are currently **green fields** and other open spaces all around us;
- **And the final nail in our coffin:** If the MOD don't vacate the Garrison (and they've made no firm or timetabled plan to do so yet), we will be left with a large development on the green fields around us with little new infrastructure or roads to support the population explosion.

Do **you** want this development? Are **you** prepared to put up with the disruption caused by the development for the next 12-16 years? Do **you** want to lose the green fields around you?

NO! Well this is what **you** need to do – before 23 April please (the date set by the planners):

- Write a personally worded letter (to Emily Temple, Planning Officer at WBC Shute End, cc to Steve Chapman, Chair of the Planning Committee), raising your objections to the plans. We suggest you put the above points into your own words & include them in your letter;
- We also suggest you say, again in your own words, that the proposed phasing of the development is totally unacceptable: Rather than start building on green fields 'outside the wire', **only brown field sites 'inside the wire' should be developed first** – areas like R1 & R5 on the map and Rowcroft Barracks which are currently vacant!

Dates for your diaries:

- Monday 26 April - Community Centre off Princes Marina Drive & Sheerlands Road:
19.30-20.00 Formalising the RAG, electing Chairman, 2 Deputies, Treasurer, Webmaster, Comms people etc
20.00-21.00 The very latest updates on the development proposals and feedback from the candidates for A'field ward
- Tuesday 4 May - Arborfield Village Hall: 19.30 Arborfield Parish Council Meeting:
- Thursday 27 May - WBC Shute End: 19.30 Council meeting to approve/disapprove the Arborfield plans

Where can I find out more? Please see our website: www.arborfield-garrison-rag.org.uk

How can I join the RAG? By any of the following ways:

- (i) Provide your e-mail address on our website - this will reduce our costs and avoid having to post flyers
- (ii) E-mail us at: ag-rag@googlegroups.com
- (iii) Phone Martin Rutter on 07885 339772 or pop in at 1 Gerring Road

How can I become an active member of the group? All help welcomed! Make yourself known in one of the 3 above ways - or put your name forward on Monday 26th for one of the Committee positions. **Thank-you for your help & support!**