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SYWELL AIR TRAFFIC

For the attention of CPRE members living in north Northampton, Wellingborough and villages within earshot of future Sywell air traffic. A hard runway has been proposed for Sywell aerodrome. This must concern anyone on the immediate north side of Northampton and east and west from there. It will have a huge detrimental impact on rural tranquillity. The culmination of a long campaign of planning applications refusals and appeals is to be a public enquiry, which is scheduled for the 25th July and will last approximately 12 days. It will be held at Wellingborough Borough Council offices.

The outcome of the construction of a hard runway will be at least a doubling of aircraft movements. The advent of turbofan jet and turboprop aircraft of up to 16.5 tonnes weight, roughly equivalent to London City capability, and night flying as against the current limitation to light aircraft. If implemented the hard runway will inevitably lead to further aerodrome expansion and pressure for even more movements of large aircraft. We fully support the established campaign of STARE (Stop the Aerodrome Runway Expansion) of which the secretary is Matthew Hague (01604 647916). He is the best person to contact for further information.

To download the Borough Council planning report, visit Wellingborough.gov.uk and search for Sywell

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MERGER OF CATALYST CORBY WITH NORTH NORTHANTS

The merger of Catalyst Corby with North Northants together has been announced. The new company entitled North Northamptonshire Development Company (NNDC) will effectively become the "delivery vehicle" for new development in the north of the county and will operate from new premises in Corby, see website www.nndev.co.uk. The style of the new organisation is an Urban Regeneration Company as opposed to the partnership format, which CPRE had advocated. Even at the time of writing in May, placards naming the new organisation have appeared on a Corby roundabout, remarkably fleet of foot and no doubt the result of inspired foresight!

The merger announced at the Kettering Summit in November last, was subject to a form of consultation. It is said that 75 responses were received from 450 invitations. 60% of respondents supported the merger; 12% were non-committal and 28% were opposed. Interestingly, over two thirds of the latter were parish councils and individuals, particularly from the Kettering area who were concerned how growth would impact on rural areas.

It has been reported that NNDC will play a key role in bringing delivery partners and other stakeholders together to ensure that investment in the area to support growth can be maximised, particularly infrastructure, and to ensure that resources are effectively targeted. It will champion quality development and "eco" design. It will have no planning

powers but will work with the Joint Planning Unit, being a combination of the relevant local authorities, to ensure that delivery priorities complement the implementation of the core spatial strategy for North Northamptonshire and MKSMSRS.

NNDC Board has 15 members including Richard Lay and Sir Patrick Walker as co-chairs. Alyson Allfree of Rockingham Forest Trust, who has an environmental background, and Jim Harker, leader of Northamptonshire County Council are also members. The following key councillors represent the four district councils: Pat Fawcett for Corby, Eloise Finch for East Northants, Terry Freer for Kettering and Eileen Higgins for Wellingborough. Chief Executive Bob Lane was the former Chief Executive of Catalyst Corby.

CPRE Northants expectations of NNDC and concerns were summarised in its response to the merger consultation. Steps are in hand to meet Sir Patrick Walker in order to continue the working relationship built up with him at NNT. We shall judge the organisation on performance, its effectiveness in keeping in touch with lay people including CPRE members, and the degree to which it is responsive to local opinion from whatever corner of the area it may come. Above all, CPRE will expect NNDC to ensure that infrastructure is properly planned and provided ahead of development.

Grainger Davies
24 May 2006

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S DISTRICT ANNUAL PARTY

This was held on Friday, 19 May 2006 at Mr & Mrs Fenwick's lovely house, Sholebroke Lodge. Once again it was a very enjoyable event, which raised over £600. Unfortunately the weather was rather cold and damp but the house was extremely warm and very welcoming!! Quite a few people did brave the weather to walk around the very attractive garden. We are most grateful to the Fenwicks for their hospitality and also to all members of the committee and others who contributed such excellent "eats"!

Anne Usher

SUMMER BALL 30 JUNE 2006 HIGHGATE HOUSE, CREATON

"Oh what a night! The magnificent surroundings of Highgate House provided a perfect location for an evening of grand style. The weather was absolutely perfect, food delicious and company even better! All in all a superbly organised and very enjoyable evening – look forward to next year too". (A comment from one of the guests at the Summer Ball.)

We were delighted to be joined by over 150 guests at the ball and in particular to welcome both Sir Nigel and Lady Thompson – as Chairman of CPRE National Office he was the guest speaker and addressed the audience very well. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Lady Juliet Townsend and John Townsend. Lady Juliet, the President of CPRE Northamptonshire was presented with a medal from Sir Nigel Thompson to thank her for all her excellent support over so many years in this county.

The evening included a table draw – the winning prize a lady's dress watch and champagne. There was also a very successful auction with prizes including trips to Canada, Scotland, Spain and a flight in a helicopter. The evening in total raised over £9,000.

Thanks were given to Jo Chudley and her family for hosting the occasion at Highgate and making everyone welcome in the beautiful house and gardens.

Photographs taken at the event can be seen on the website – www.cprenorthants.org

Please do take a look at these photographs and we hope you may be able to join us at a similar event next year. Thank you.

Sue Baylis

Events Co-ordinator/Membership Secretary

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

... have provided this list of certified markets, the NAFM members selling produce within the recommended criteria.

BRACKLEY Location:

Market Place 3rd Saturday monthly
9.00am - 1.00pm

DAVENTRY Location:

High Street 1st Saturday monthly
9.00am - 1.30pm

HIGHAM FERRERS Location:

Market Square Last Sunday monthly
9.00am - 2.00pm

NORTHAMPTON Location:

The Market Square 3rd Thursday
monthly 9.00am - 1.30pm

OUNDLE Location:

The Market Square
2nd Saturday monthly
8.30pm - 1.30pm

TOWCESTER Location:

Richmond Road Car Park
2nd Friday monthly
9.00am - 1.30pm

WELLINGBOROUGH Location:

Market Place
Last Thursday monthly
9.00 - 1.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 28 September 2006 – South Northamptonshire District annual meeting to be held at 7.30 pm in the Garden Room at Little Houghton House – by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Davidge.

Friday, 29 September 2006 – An Evening at Lilford Hall – this will include a presentation on the house and the future proposals – gardens, etc. Should be a very interesting evening. Tickets £15.00 – including refreshments.

Friday, 8 December 2006 – Christmas carols, wine and mince pies to be held at Cranford Hall. Music by local Northamptonshire choir - Tickets £10.

HOW TO CONTACT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Local CPRE office contact telephone number 01858 433136

PLANNING ROADSHOW: 25 APRIL 2006 AT CRANFORD HALL

Our objectives in holding this year's Planning Roadshow were to provide technical advice that would be helpful to our Parish Council members, and as a result to encourage those Parish Councils who had not yet joined CPRE to come on board. By common consent, the score was two out of two!

We had a very good attendance of Parish Councillors: there were few empty seats in the hall. Over sixty people, representing more than 25 parishes from all over central and northern Northants, were there. It was a beautiful late spring evening – a portent of the fine summer ahead – and the ambience at Cranford Hall was most congenial.

The main presentation by Henry Oliver from CPRE National Office was extremely well received. It outlined the changes resulting from recent planning legislation and the consequences of which parishes need to be aware. There were some interesting questions from the floor – not all the answers were good news! – and these led to some good discussion points. Feedback from our delegates was positive: 13 parishes were recruited as new CPRE members.

Some of the parishes represented at the Road Show were: Barnwell, Brixworth, Collyweston, Cranford, Crick, Culworth, Deddington, Eydon, Guilsborough, Hardingstone, Holcot, Isham, Loddington, Middleton, Old, Old Stratford, Pattishall, Stanion, Stanwick, Thorpe Malsor, Walgrave, Warmington, Weldon.

Altogether, it was a worthwhile evening that we hope to repeat, possibly at a location closer to parishes in the south of the county.

Peter Hopkins

Chairman of Technical Secretaries Committee