

ACT NOW! Have your say – before it's too late! Deadline 6th April 2015

Proposed Site: 16 acres of prime agricultural land at Hollow Road Farm, off Barton Hill and between the villages of Fornham St Martin and Great Barton. Estimated land cost to local taxpayers, £4 million. Councils' 'waste sites' total capital cost allocation so far, £15 million - with £200,000 project development costs agreed and £25,000 option payment paid already.

What's it for? A combined Operational Hub for Suffolk County, St. Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District to include a massive 100,000 ++ tonnes per annum waste transfer station, household waste recycling centre, huge HGV and light vehicle depot, offices, parking, fleet maintenance workshops AND facilities for a whole range of other partners and services.

"Whilst we recognise the concept and aspiration for a West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH), Hollow Road Farm is absolutely and completely the wrong place for this facility and we most strongly oppose it. There are obvious, logical and much better alternatives and we require the authority partners to listen to concerns and respect the strength of residents' opinions on this issue."

Parish Councillors



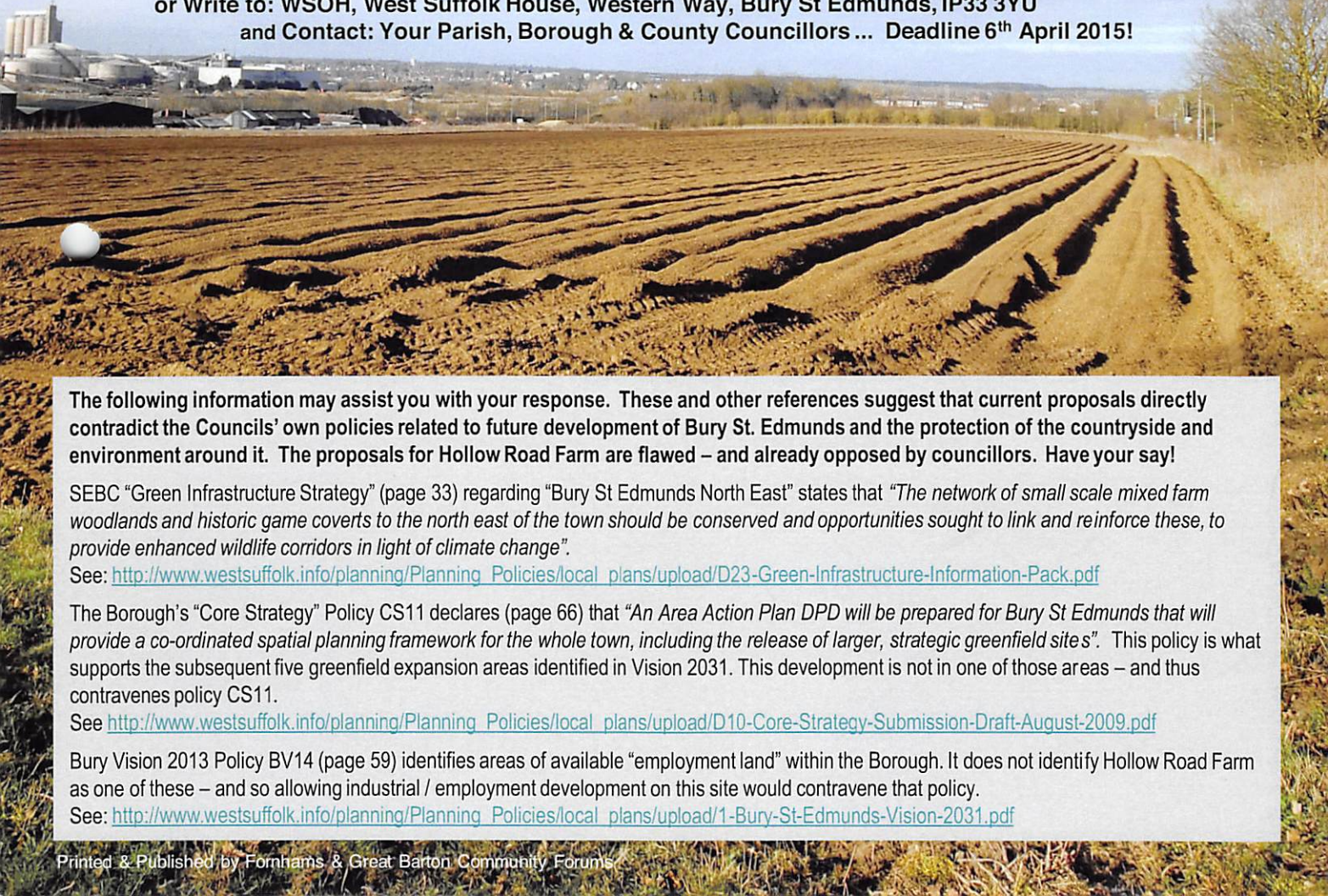
We say NO:

- Massive detrimental and destructive impact on the Fornhams, Great Barton and surrounding areas
- Major roads, traffic, safety, congestion, disruption and environmental issues
- Serious noise, smell and pollution problems
- Unacceptable seagull, pigeon and rat nuisance
- Better sites offered and available immediately adjacent to A14 corridor
- Presented as a 'fait accompli' – short initial pre-planning consultation only AFTER option 'deposit' already paid to landowner
- Process and consultation not fit for purpose – residents and tax payers deserve better



YOUR VIEWS MATTER! Don't lose this view forever!

Email comments to: wsoh@westsuffolk.gov.uk Comment online at: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh
or Write to: WSOH, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU
and Contact: Your Parish, Borough & County Councillors ... Deadline 6th April 2015!



The following information may assist you with your response. These and other references suggest that current proposals directly contradict the Councils' own policies related to future development of Bury St. Edmunds and the protection of the countryside and environment around it. The proposals for Hollow Road Farm are flawed – and already opposed by councillors. Have your say!

SEBC "Green Infrastructure Strategy" (page 33) regarding "Bury St Edmunds North East" states that "The network of small scale mixed farm woodlands and historic game coverts to the north east of the town should be conserved and opportunities sought to link and reinforce these, to provide enhanced wildlife corridors in light of climate change".

See: http://www.westsuffolk.info/planning/Planning_Policies/local_plans/upload/D23-Green-Infrastructure-Information-Pack.pdf

The Borough's "Core Strategy" Policy CS11 declares (page 66) that "An Area Action Plan DPD will be prepared for Bury St Edmunds that will provide a co-ordinated spatial planning framework for the whole town, including the release of larger, strategic greenfield sites". This policy is what supports the subsequent five greenfield expansion areas identified in Vision 2031. This development is not in one of those areas – and thus contravenes policy CS11.

See http://www.westsuffolk.info/planning/Planning_Policies/local_plans/upload/D10-Core-Strategy-Submission-Draft-August-2009.pdf

Bury Vision 2013 Policy BV14 (page 59) identifies areas of available "employment land" within the Borough. It does not identify Hollow Road Farm as one of these – and so allowing industrial / employment development on this site would contravene that policy.

See: http://www.westsuffolk.info/planning/Planning_Policies/local_plans/upload/1-Bury-St-Edmunds-Vision-2031.pdf