



# Barham Downs Action Group

## Working to conserve our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Kent Downs AONB)

Update 1 – December 2017 - [hcaction@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hcaction@hotmail.co.uk)

**The Barham Downs Action Group was resurrected in November 2017 to oppose the concept proposal for a huge development at Highland Court Farm CT4 5HN**

### **The new committee comprises:**

David Howe (Chairman, Patrixbourne); David Durell (Treasurer, Patrixbourne); Mike Sole (Kingston); Stephen Thomas (Bekesbourne); Camilla Presland (Adisham); Jack Lowe (Adisham); David Humphreys (Bridge); Steve Fawke (Bridge); Penny Morgan (Kingston)

### **The Group is concerned about:**

- Permanent loss of acres of countryside which is wholly in the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Loss of high-quality agricultural land currently in food production: soft and top fruit; and nuts such as almonds and walnuts
- Damage to the ecosystem, wildlife and biodiversity
- Increased traffic through our villages and along our-single track lanes
- Noise, light and air pollution
- Landscape impact

**The Group has secured funds for obtaining initial professional advice from an independent planning expert and a landscape appraisal consultant.**

**A leaflet about the NO campaign has been delivered to all homes in the neighbouring parishes. This is designed to be displayed in car and house windows – please display it - ask us if you would like another/more.**

**We understand that the concept proposal will be developed into a planning application to be submitted to Canterbury City Council in the New Year (2018). We will then submit a detailed formal response. Some of neighbouring parish councils have agreed to work together on their individual responses to the planning application when it arrives.**

### **In the meantime, find out more by:**

- following Barham Downs Action Group on Facebook
- e-mailing us at [hcaction@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hcaction@hotmail.co.uk) so that we can keep you informed
- reading the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening and Scoping Opinion report submitted to Canterbury City Council under CA\_17\_02199 (we can send you a pdf copy by e-mail)
- walking the footpaths and bridleways through the site and establishing your own opinion
- telling your parish council what you think – they want to know