



RESIDENTS WIN!

After failing to meet council imposed deadlines for submission of a **Acceptable Environmental Statement**, developers **Hicks Persimmon** have **withdrawn their applications to remove hazardous landfill and build 450 homes at Sandford Farm.**

The reasons cited include many of the key issues that LVA has been highlighting throughout its campaign of opposition.

After 15 months, Hicks Persimmon has consistently failed to provide adequate information on the environmental issues arising from their proposals.

According to their press statement *"The changes of waste management legislation since the European Landfill Directive was implemented and the lack of remaining capacity at Whistley Court Farm, means the use of this landfill is no longer viable."*

Reserve site

The site remains in the current local plan as a reserve housing site and the developers have confirmed they will be considering all the options open to them.

So we can't relax just yet. This may ultimately prove just one more battle within a longer war.

THANK YOU

From LVA Chairman Phil Challis:

When I walked around some of the local houses late one evening in June 2003 delivering a letter to publicise the fact that the applications had been made, I was not sure we would be able to stop this application, and certainly did not realise that it would take 15 months to get to a decision.

However we did stop the application.

Woodley did **SAY NO**—and it's down to all of us who stood up to the developers, including the 200+ who attended last June's public meeting, the 500 or more who wrote objections to the council and the 2400 who signed our petition

I would personally like to thank the LVA group for their active involvement throughout—**George Puttock, Kate and Ian Haggerty, Linda Parker, Steve Browning, David Parker, Sylvia Caston, Matt Provis, Sarah Dawnay, Neil Holloman, Peter Teeton** (who sadly died during the campaign), **Joanne Playfair, Jim Harrison, Suzi Trayling, Chris Snowden** and our colleagues in **Hurst Village Society**. There were many others who delivered newsletters and collected signatures.

We received good support from all main political parties—**Sam Samuel, Carole Jewel** and all the local Liberal Democrat councillors, **Annette Drake** and Conservative councillors, and our local MPs **Theresa May** and **Jane Griffiths**.

Thank you from the residents of Woodley.

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WHAT NEXT?

LVA to continue

To achieve a long term solution to the ongoing issue of Sandford Farm, we must get it removed from the Local Development Plan.

We now have an opportunity as Wokingham District Council is just about to begin creating a new plan for the period 2006-2016. All existing development sites will be reviewed.

Once the process is clear, LVA will be in touch to let you know how residents can influence the decision.

It may soon be the time to write another 500 letters to the council!



2400 AND COUNTING

Local people rally to the cause by signing LVA's petition.



STOPPED

Smells and unsightly foam caused by landfill testing.



REPRIEVED

The Lavells Lake habitat of rare birds and wildlife.

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