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From Protect Our Waverley (POW) campaign.

Inspector Jonathan Bore has surprised no-one by the conclusions reached in his report on the Waverley Local Plan Part 1; he has not wavered from the position he took during the Public Examination last summer, when he unjustifiably ‘talked up’ the housing need target to the unsustainable level of 590 dwellings per year. Waverley Borough Council, to their detriment and shame, did not challenge that at the time or subsequently, and the result is a Plan which blights every part of the Borough.

Once again, local opinion has been ridden roughshod over and ignored. Neighbourhood Plans seem to count for nothing (for example Farnham) and the most unsustainable site for development, Dunsfold Aerodrome, has been elevated to almost ‘holy grail’ status by Mr Bore. The report, which in its own words correctly states that it is *strategic*, has none the less placed a disproportionate reliance on this single remote site for delivery of the unsustainable quantity of homes to be built in the Borough over the Plan period.

Mr Bore talks at length about his own assessment of the environmental and transport credentials of Dunsfold Aerodrome, without the benefit of the full evidence properly being considered in the separate Call In Inquiry, the conclusion of which is not expected to be announced by the Secretary of State until 15th March. At the same time, Waverley Borough Council has proposed handing a ‘free gift’ worth between £10m and £16m to the owners of Dunsfold Aerodrome by exempting them from all-important Community Infrastructure Levy – money the whole Borough desperately needs and would benefit from.

POW believes the residents of Waverley deserve better.

Notes for Editors

1. Protect our Waverley Campaign

Protect Our Waverley Campaign is a group formed to campaign against the development of Dunsfold Park New Town on the Dunsfold Airfield and other un-sustainable planning applications throughout the Borough of Waverley. The campaign is managed by POWCampaign Ltd.

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