

The Hemingfords ActionGroup

SayNo2MickGeorge - No waste dump in the Hemingfords

Newsletter

November/December 2019



19 MGL Skips in the Golf Club Car Park



The Conference Centre and Golf Range Buildings

Welcome to our December newsletter keeping you informed of events relating to MGL's proposals for developing the Hemingford golf course site since Easter.

New Development

Cambridge County Council and Peterborough released the latest draft of the Waste and Minerals Plan for Consultation on 15th November and this is open until 9th January. Whilst our lawyers will be submitting a detailed submission on our behalf the more of you that respond personally the better but **before doing so please read through the whole of the newsletter - and leave comments at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp**

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Recent significant events at or concerning the site

- **The Golf Range, Shop and Conference Centre have closed and staff have been made redundant. It is clear that MGL were involved and appear to have some control or influence over these properties which provides more space and buildings as the picture shows**
- **In their response to the last consultation MGL reconfirmed that they intended to apply for the Golf Club to become a Waste and Recycling Centre citing that it adjoined the Astro Turf site as some justification**
- **The Environment Agency have refused to grant an Environmental Permit to the Astro Turf Site and required it to be cleared yet it remains included as a current site in the Waste and Minerals Plan. Part of the Astro Turf site adjoins the Conference Centre grounds**
- **The Golf Club Car Park is being filled with MGL skips and the old Club House appears to be inhabited – all without planning permission (see picture) We and Hemingford Abbots PC have written to HDC but have to date received no response**
- **A significant change in the latest draft Waste and Minerals plan is that sites must be located by Primary ('A') Roads. This has been changed to should – we believe 'must' should be reinstated**

The whole site should be a Community Asset

We have commissioned Sanders Boston who are experienced in this field to prepare an outline plan which we expect to receive shortly. We will then help HAPC submit an application for the Golf Range, Shop, Conference Centre and Hemingford Golf Course to be granted Community Asset Status. A summary of the many completed questionnaires we received will be included

New Website

We have a new website – this is where the most up to date information is (updated at least fortnightly). Please visit it now – and regularly (type in [SayNo2MickGeorge](#) in any search engine or www.hemingfordsactiongroup.co.uk)

Liaison with our Parish Councils, District and County Councillors

We update both Grey and Abbots Parish Councils and meet regularly with our District and County Councillors

We shall update our MP after the General Election

The Waterbeach Incinerator

An application for an multi-million pound incinerator plant was refused by Cambridge CC despite it being recommended by officers. The applicant has appealed and a Public Enquiry is taken place now. If the appeal is successful it could have the effect of changing the proposed Waste and Minerals plan as capacity requirements will be reduced further – so we need to remain vigilant

How can you help?

This consultation is not only a last chance but also your responses will be considered by an Inspector appointed by HM Government – not the authors of the plan.

Please respond with your comments before Christmas and at the latest by 9th January

You should use your own words but do refer to the points set out at the beginning of this newsletter as well as the following:

As well as possible consequences of recent significant events other equally important points as background are:

- The current Cambridgeshire County Council Waste and Mineral Plan has identified and approved 33 suitable sites for recycling waste in the county. The Hemingford Golf Course isn't one of them.
- There would be considerable danger to road users leaving the villages to travel towards Godmanchester and Huntingdon as a result of bad sight lines, gradient and curvature of the access road. There is also real concern about the number lorries entering and leaving the site every day. More than 450 heavy lorries will be back and forth on the roads during a 24 hour period. This will create treacherous conditions, especially during the dark winter months with ice and mud on the roads.
- Part of the new A14 opens on 9th December which means lorries going towards the MGL site in Ellington from St Ives will go along the old A1198 to the new A14 entry slip road just beyond Wood Green to join it – and leave it there if they are making the opposite journey

- The site will operate from early in the morning to late at night, seven days a week causing light pollution and noise pollution. Vibration and dust from concrete crushing and wood pulverising will also have an impact on the surrounding area.
- If Mick George Limited get permission, however restricted initially, the company has a documented history of increasing the scale and hours of the operation - introducing more and more processes and wastes as time goes on. (As an example, application H/5000/19/ CW seeks to allow night time lorry movements at their St Ives site for 365 days per year, rather than the 21 days per year allowed currently.)
- We were at St Ives Park and Ride earlier in November when the wind was blowing from the East thus towards us. The smell from the MGL site was awful (we have heard that it can even reach Morrisons Car Park)– that’s what it would be like for us (given the prevailing wind),if Hemingfords Golf Club became the site MGL has proposed. Dust etc would be another problem for children and anyone with breathing problems!

How to Respond on line:

- Enter the webpage in your browser www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp
- Scroll down to ‘How to Make Comments’ and click on **online consultation portal**
- Login or Register (it’s easy to do)
- Click on **Read and Comment on Document**
- You will then be able to view and comment on each section of the Draft Plan
- Depending on the Comments you wish to make parts of Sections 3.28-3.47 (including Policy 4); 5.1-5.11 are the most relevant as is the inclusion of the Astro Turf Site in Appendix 3

If you want to e-mail or respond by post download the Representation Form and Guidance notes from our website www.hemingfordsactiongroup.co.uk

You can contact the Campaign Committee at info@hemingfordsactiongroup.co.uk or call **07522 453808**.
You may already know your local Ambassador!

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