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Ludwell Valley Park

**A short but important newsletter - urgent call to action -
quick email by December 29th needed to stop
development in Ludwell Valley Park !**

Come and be part of the start of a community orchard

Sunday January 14th. See below for more details.

URGENT call to action re housing development in Ludwell appeal

With your help, there is last minute chance to change the appeal process from a 'written representation', to a public enquiry - the latter gives the best chance of members of the public to have their voice heard and a wider range of issues considered. However, the deadline for asking for this change is **December 29th**. If you have just a few spare minutes between now and then, please email the Planning Inspectorate case officer with these points:

Please copy in hugo.swire.mp@parliament.uk & ben.bradshaw.mp@parliament.uk. (Both MPs are taking an active interest in

this issue - the land is in Swire's East Devon constituency but people from Bradshaw's Exeter constituency are park users and will be impacted the traffic impacts of the development).

Email : west1@pins.gsi.gov.uk,

Mr Adam Hill, Case Officer for Appeal APP/Y1110/W/17/3179387

Ask that the appeal process be converted from a written representation to a public enquiry because:

- The long, highly contentious history of this site and large number of public objections point to a public enquiry being the most suitable process to decide the appeal
- Hugo Swire MP is currently pursuing an enquiry via Devon County's Solicitor regarding the advice given which led to her advising the Development Management Committee that they could not use the threat to the safety of local roads as an objection, though the councillors wanted to.
- The huge extra amount of traffic that will be generated by the Ikea development, and the new development on the site of the School for the Deaf, Topsham Road, will push nitrogen dioxide air pollution -already close to illegal levels on much of Topsham Road, well over the legal limit and this is an issue that must be addressed via a public enquiry.

Making your objection to the appeal

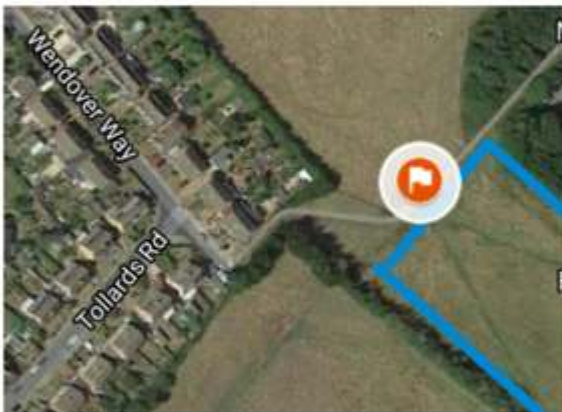
Whether or not we win the fight to convert the appeal to a public enquiry, many of us will want to add our comments to the appeal. Submitting comments to an appeal is easy - a simple on line form, but it is very different to objecting to a planning application. You can *only submit comments that are deemed relevant*, within clearly set out limits. For example, any comments that are repeating previous comments made in objecting to the original application are simply ignored / have no weight at all.

Ludwell Life is working with the Campaign to Stop Development in Ludwell Valley Park to work up a set of comments to share with anyone wanting to submit their views. When we have done this we will therefore send out another brief newsletter covering what you can best say when you submit your comments to the appeal. **The deadline for January 12th to submit comments**, so we are suggesting that people hold back from making comments until we email again.



Ludwell Community Orchard

All welcome - help plant the
next 6 trees. Tea & cake too.



Sunday
January 14th
11.00am -
2.00pm

Meet at new community orchard field, Ludwell
Valley Park, off Wendover Way EX2 6JQ.
Bring warm clothes, boots, packed lunch.
Hot drinks and cake available.



We have our last six apple trees to plant, at least for this winter season. As you can see [here](#), we had a great time planting the first six, with people of all ages getting stuck in - to the digging, stapling, chatting, cake eating and tea drinking!

Even if you are not able to wield a spade, we would love you come along and be part of this exciting start to your community orchard. Help with the

hot drinks and cake stall would be much appreciated., as would donations of biscuits and cakes. If you are willing to help, it would be really useful to know this in advance, *so please email LudwellLife.org.uk, or ring Lynn on 0797 4414613*

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Where's the new orchard?

The aerial view shows the orchard field in pale green, with the pedestrian & cycle path between Wendover Way and Pynes Hill in mauve. It is the field between one edge of Pynes Hill business park and the field threatened by development of 100 + houses. It was chosen for various reasons, including the fact that the current field is very low in wildlife value and has vehicular access off the cycle path. This is useful for any community events that we hope will be held there.



Ludwell Life is an independent community group, set up to protect and enhance Ludwell Valley Park
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