

6000 houses for North Weald Airfield

This week we received the disturbing news from the Group of campaigners trying to keep North Weald Airfield available for motorsport and other leisure activities that the final consultation paper about the future use of the airfield had been published.

From The North Weald Airfield Users Group team.

Dear Supporters,

4th January 2005

Proposal RSS 14 - East of England Plan.

We wrote to you before Christmas saying that Proposal RSS 14 was about to be published. This happened in December and, now that Christmas and the New Year festivities are over, we need your assistance during this vitally important consultation process.

RSS 14 is the final document in a long series of reports for the area and recommends the building of 6000 houses on North Weald Airfield. It seems that the Epping Forest District Council (EFDC), who own the Airfield, are prepared to sacrifice the site for this purpose. Interestingly, the wording in RSS 14 is almost identical to the wording in an earlier document from the EFDC which recommends the building of a major new community in the area.

We have over the last year or two built up a very substantial and extensive data base of supporters for the specific purpose of accumulating a really substantial number of objections to this document. THIS TIME HAS NOW ARRIVED.

HELP SAVE NORTH WEALD AIRFIELD

If RSS14 goes ahead it would obviously mean the loss of North Weald Airfield within a few years' time meaning the loss of this leisure facility used by thousands every week.

We have posted details of this plan (together with other direct links) on our website www.northwealdairfield.org – please visit the website then click on the CAMPAIGN page.

RSS14 is effectively the final study to be produced before the planning policy is adopted and is out to public consultation **NOW and only until 16th March 2005. It is imperative that everyone who wishes to support the continued existence of North Weald Airfield registers their objections to RSS14 as soon as possible.**

Please fill in the consultation form on the EERA website at:

<http://eera.web-labs.co.uk/eerapublicconsultation/>

OR by e mail to:

planning@eera.gov.uk

OR by letter to:

East of England Regional Assembly

Flempton House

Flempton

Bury St Edmunds

IP28 6EG

We appreciate not everyone has time to digest the full 300 plus pages of the report and have therefore suggested some valid comments which can be found on the Users Group website www.northwealdairfield.org and following the link to “Campaign”

For maximum impact, we know that copying your responses to the following people definitely has a positive effect for the airfield – so please circulate your objections to the following (it costs nothing to do by email and at most a few stamps).....

Rt Hon John Prescott MP
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Lord Rooker (Minister of State for Housing, Planning & Regeneration)
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
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Eleanor Laing MP (MP for the Epping Forest Constituency, which includes North Weald)
House of Commons
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The Users Group hopes that it can rely on the data base (i.e. you, the users of the airfield) to generate as many objections as possible to this Consultation document before it is too late.

Thank you

The North Weald Airfield Users Group Team