# The Village Green

Covering Haddenham, Long Crendon, Stone and surrounding villages

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**Aylesbury Vale Green Party** 

#### Long Crendon Neighbourhood Plan referendum and Gladman appeal

It is great news that the referendum held on 7th September resulted in an overwhelming vote in favour of AVDC using the Long Crendon Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications. This should, in the future, put Long Crendon in a stronger position to focus housebuilding in planned areas.

The plan identifies a need for 82 homes by 2023. Because planning consent has already been given for 60, the plan proposes three sites for a total of at least 22 new homes. Whilst the sites are outside the village boundary, they do not intrude on the conservation area or significant views.

More good news is that the appeal by developer Gladman to build 75 houses on Chilton Road, outside the village boundary, has been dismissed. A decision was made on 25th August.

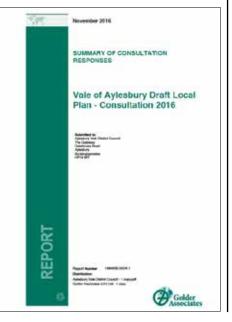


#### Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan – crunch time

The revised Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, paving the way for up to 27,000 more new homes in the district, will be considered by AVDC at a full council meeting on 18th October before its submission to the government. The public can attend this meeting.

We recognise the need for more homes, but there needs to be a greater emphasis on genuinely affordable social housing, on zero-carbon design and on effective green infrastructure – eg proper cycle paths and good public transport.

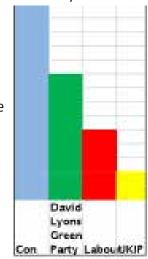
Visit www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/ section/vale-aylesbury-local-planvalp.



#### Green vote more than doubled in Bernwood in May

This year has seen a rise in the profile of the Green Party in

Haddenham, Long Crendon and surrounding villages. We came second to the Conservative Party and believe that at the next election we have a good chance to win in the area.



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## **Focus on footpaths**

Green Party members are pressing local councils over rural footpaths and proposed cycle paths. Many paths along major roads are in an appalling state and impossible for wheelchairs and pushchairs to navigate.

Responsibility is shared between the county and parish councils. After a long wait the county council responded about the incomplete maintenance work on the path between Stone and Dinton – some had been cleared in the spring, some was not touched.

Bucks County Council assured us that the maintenance will be resumed after the grass-cutting season has ended. We will continue to monitor the situation.



Stone-to-Dinton overgrown footpath

#### **More opposition needed at Dollicott**

Haddenham parish councillor David Lyons has been campaigning about the development site at Dollicot where heavy lorries pound the roads from early morning, breaking the promises of the developers.

Despite attempts to get AVDC to

enforce the conditions of Cala Homes' traffic-management plan, they continue to queue up to get into the site from 7am or before. At one point David blockaded the entrance, preventing spoil lorries from leaving or arriving. The site manager accepted that they were in the wrong and tried to make excuses, but could not do anything to prevent the obstruction of their entrance.

David says that the more people complain to their councillors the more likely the council is to take action.



#### Haddenham Educational Grant



If you live in Haddenham and need money for buying essential books or equipment for college, the parish council is offering grants. An application form can be found at www.haddenham.net/doc/D36704.doc.

### **Find out more**

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