

# The Cookham Society



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## STOP PRESS:

### POUNDFIELD, LATEST ON BERKELEY HOMES APPEAL

We have just heard that the appeal by Berkeley Homes against the decision by RBWM to reject their application to build 28 homes on the Poundfield is to be held as a public enquiry with a closing date for submissions of the 2nd October 2017.

We will be submitting our objections as before, but will probably need to brief Counsel to represent us at the enquiry hearing.



*Sunset on Poundfield, looking towards Poundfield Lane from Terry's Lane*

Spencer painted this from the Poundfield Lane side of Poundfield in his landscape titled "Terry's Lane", but the view from this end is currently obscured by trees. As part of its submissions, the Society

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has compiled a comprehensive document rebutting any claimed "benefits" of this application and highlighting the substantial damage it would cause to the Conservation Area.

There has been much opposition to the proposed development from the people of Cookham and from further afield. We hope the Inspector will agree with our arguments and that the sun will continue to set on Poundfield without being obscured by houses.

## BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

The Society made comments in response to the Regulation 18 Consultation in January 2017. The Borough has now published the Regulation 19 (Submission Version) of the plan.

In this latest version, the Borough has not altered the three proposed housing sites in Cookham. We have commented that any development of the sites identified by the Borough should be for fewer dwellings than those proposed in the Regulation 18 consultation and should be dependent on improved infrastructure.

We also pointed out that the Gas Holder site is within the settlement boundary, is not Green Belt and that it is Brown Field land. We are very disappointed that the Borough has not accepted our recommendation

that this possibly contaminated site should be cleaned up and developed before any agricultural Green Belt is lost.

We also commented extensively on the inadequacy of Policy SP6 – Development in the Green Belt. This policy has been extensively revised in this latest version of the plan and now addresses some, but far from all, of our concerns.

We entirely agree with the concerns of other parishes and community Groups that the Section 18 Consultation was

too short and appears to have been largely ignored. We will be making further representations to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Regulation 19 Submission Version. Members who wish to comment individually have until 27 September to submit their comments to the Borough.

Procedures for sending comments are specified in the RBWM Website at: [https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200414/local\\_development\\_framework/594/emerging\\_plans\\_and\\_policies/2](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200414/local_development_framework/594/emerging_plans_and_policies/2)

# COOKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**N**ow that the Borough Local Plan has reached an advanced stage of preparation we believe it is time for Cookham to develop a formal Neighbourhood Plan.

We have asked the Parish Council to get the process started and they will be debating this issue at their September meeting. We recognise that a Neighbourhood Plan will require a lot of work by volunteers and hope that many younger villagers will join in.

## RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Change of use for the field south of Long Lane

The application for a change of use for the field south of Long Lane and west of the former chicken shed to permit grazing by horses, has been refused.

### Lightlands Lane Chicken Farm

The site of the failed chicken farm at Lightlands Lane has not yet been cleared and the landowner is now seeking permission to use it for storage of his dismantled chicken sheds.

### NON STATUTORY CONSULTEE STATUS

Like the Parish Council, The Cookham Society enjoys "Non-statutory Consultee" status with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Planning Panel.

As the Society represents nearly 1600 members who live in the Cookhams, our comments carry weight when planning decisions affecting Cookham are being considered by the Borough.

In addition to speaking at Panel meetings, we have often submitted longer and more detailed comments about an application and these are now referenced separately on the Borough website. This means that the views of the Society are given due weight and that they are much easier to locate.



# CHRISTMAS CARDS

**W**e are delighted to announce that our new Christmas cards will be launched at the Cookham Regatta on 2nd September.

Breaking with our traditional painted scenes, we decided to ring the changes and ran a competition to find a beautiful, wintery photograph of Cookham. Entries came into our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thecookhamsociety>

The standard was amazing and we had a tough job picking a winner. In the end, we picked a lovely picture taken in the early morning, looking back from the cart track on Dean Lane that leads up to The Lea".

The picture was taken by local resident, Louise Young. Lou has lived in the village for 10 years and moved from Cookham Rise to Cookham Dean in 2014, where she now lives with her partner and two dogs. She is a keen amateur photographer.



Cards will be priced at £5.00 per pack and will contain 10 cards and 10 envelopes.

They will be available at the Regatta on Saturday 2nd September, at Cookham Dean Fete on Saturday 16th September and at Cookham Christmas Fayre on the High Street on Sunday 10th December.

You can also find them at our retailers from the end of October.

### Stockists:

- **Village Hardware**, 39, Station Parade, Cookham, SL6 9BS
- **Hillcrest Stores**, 13, Hillcrest Avenue, Cookham, SL6 9NB
- **The Odney Club**, Odney Lane, Cookham, SL6 9SR

To see some of the other stunning entries, come along to our stand at Cookham Regatta and at Cookham Dean Fete.

## QUIET BEAUTY SPOTS IN COOKHAM

In this slot we will feature less well-known beauty spots of Cookham so that our members and supporters can enjoy the rich countryside and architecture of our three villages.

The seat, in memory of George Copas and his son John, who farmed the Lea until 2006, looks across rich, rolling countryside towards Cookham village.

We hope to make this a regular feature, let us know if you have any favourite spots around Cookham you would like to share with other members.

*View from the seat at the top of the cart track on Dean Lane, leading to The Lea.*



## OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COOKHAM

Barry Haines, Cookham's much valued and long-standing Station Master, recently retired. At a party at the Cricket Club to mark the occasion, the Cookham Society rewarded Barry's 19 years of outstanding service with a complimentary, honorary, life time membership of the Society.

Throughout his time, Barry showed all the users and visitors to Cookham Station a consistently friendly and helpful face and he had an invaluable and encyclopaedic knowledge of railway services. His professionalism and expertise will be greatly missed.

# FACEBOOK

The Cookham Society Facebook Page was launched in June and it is open to all Cookham lovers.

You can join our group and keep up-to-date with local issues and events and let us know your thoughts. If you are already on Facebook, just go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thecookhamsociety>

Then, click on the Join Group button.

If you are not on Facebook you can go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), enter your name, email or mobile phone number, create a password and click on Create an account.



## MEMBERSHIP AND PAYMENTS UPDATE

We want to spend as much of our time on important issues affecting Cookham and as little time as possible on administrative tasks. To help us, please pay your subs as soon as you get your reminder. They can be paid straight into our bank account using your first and surname as a reference.

### Reminder

We currently have a number of outstanding membership subs, which remain unpaid. Please could you check your 'To Do' pile to see if there is a festering reminder there!

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