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Residents' Newsletter

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Urgent Residents Meeting

To Save the Estate

Sunday, October 4th 2009

at 10:30am

Harborne Junior School

This meeting is open to all residents of the Moor Pool Estate and those bordering it.

The purpose of the meeting is to update residents on the latest information regarding development on the Estate and to raise additional funds by public subscription.

Please read the attached letter, attend this meeting and bring your cheque book. It's the last chance we have to save the estate!

If you need a lift to the school we will be arranging transport from the Circle at 10:15 am. Please call 0121-426 5669 to arrange a ride.

This letter, from Andrew Hackett, Chair of the Moorpool Regeneration Group, is endorsed and fully supported by Rob Sutton, Chair of the Residents' Association and Allotment Association.

Dear Resident,

May I first apologise for this urgency, but we have no choice if we are to act before the deadline of October 9th.

Birmingham City Council has granted planning permission to build new houses on the Valley Site, the Ravenhurst Road site and on Wentworth Gate. The remarkable ease with which this was granted may also set a precedent for other open spaces on the Estate.

Our final and only option is to apply for a Judicial Review against the decision process. We will have received advice from a barrister by this meeting on whether we can proceed.

If the advice is that we can proceed, then we must fund it by selling sufficient £100 bonds (individually or to groups) by the close of the meeting. If we are unable to raise this funding then we will not be able to proceed with the Judicial Review, which exhausts all legal options.

If we proceed and win sufficiently, we may be awarded costs and, if so, hope to repay most of this money. And after that, it all depends on the precise judgement.....

Andrew Hackett
Chairman, Moorpool Regeneration Group