



# WOOTTON ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION GROUP

representing Wootton & Shepherdsweil residents and beyond

## LYDDEN HILL RACE CIRCUIT *IT'S CRUNCH TIME – AGAIN!*

YOUR SUPPORT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE *NOW!*



**THE CIRCUIT'S LATEST PLANNING APPLICATION IS TO BE HEARD AT A DEDICATED DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 2020 AT 6PM**

**THE NEW APPLICATION, IF GRANTED, WILL HAVE *A HUGE IMPACT* ON OUR LIVES:**

- **THE CIRCUIT WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD EVENTS 364 DAYS PER YEAR (IN COMPARISON WITH THE 52 DAYS CURRENTLY PERMITTED)**
- **WE WILL FACE INCREASED NOISE 350+ DAYS A YEAR**
- **WE WILL FACE MASSIVELY INCREASED TRAFFIC THROUGH OUR NARROW LANES AS WE TAKE OUR DOGS FOR WALKS AND RIDE OUR HORSES**
- **OUR AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY WILL BE DISRUPTED AND POLLUTED**
- **WE WILL SEE A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE VALUE OF OUR HOMES – 10–15%**

If you think that, over the past year or so, the Circuit has not impinged much on your life and is going to continue in its current relatively low-key way, ***THEN THINK AGAIN.*** The past couple of years have been the lull before the storm. If successful, this planning application will change the way we all live, massively, and for the worse. **If you are serious about supporting us then please attending the Planning Meeting at Dover District Council on Thursday, January 30, 2020.**

**YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IS NOW OF THE ESSENCE  
OUR WORK ON YOUR BEHALF WILL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE  
*IF WE HAVE YOUR SUPPORT***

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**THANKS** to your support, as well as unstinting assistance from ex-Ward Councillor, **Cllr Mog Ovenden** coupled with enormous input from the **Crush family** during the past years we have:

- ✓ **Sent well over 3,500 emails** to Dover District Council (DDC)'s Planning and Environment Departments
- ✓ **Succeeded in getting the red grandstands removed** - they were erected without planning permission
- ✓ **Succeeded in persuading DDC to impose two Noise Abatement Notices** on Lydden Hill Race Circuit
- ✓ **Succeeded in getting DDC to monitor the noise** – and ensure LHRC also monitors every event
- ✓ **Succeeded in LHRC and DDC taking traffic management seriously on the A2** – sometimes it was backed up all the way up Dumbrill Hill and Geddinge Lane, never mind the A2
- ✓ **Succeeded in LHRC installing roadblocks for the big events** and traffic being diverted from the village - which used to be horrendous
- ✓ **Succeeded in the last planning application being turned down**
- ✓ **Succeeded in getting Kent Downs as a consultee on the current planning application**
- ✓ **Succeeded in persuading our own Parish Council to take decisive action** and donate some funds to WEPG
- ✓ **Met with** DDC Officers, DDC Councillors and our MP on numerous occasions
- ✓ **Met with** our KCC Ward Councillor
- ✓ **Met with** our DDC Wards Councillors
- ✓ **Liaised** with the Council for the Protection of Rural England, who support our campaign
- ✓ **Attended several meetings with LHRC**
- ✓ **Assisted Denton with Wootton Parish Council** on its letter of objection to the latest Planning application
- ✓ **Submitted over 90 letters of objection** from local residents to the latest Planning Application
- ✓ **Commissioned and funded two acoustic reports** undertaken by a professional acoustic consultant to support our objections (thanks to your donations)
- ✓ **Liaised with DDC Environmental Officers** to liaise and identify LHRC events which cause most noise disturbance and the times of day which are noisiest – we have been telling them this for 50 years!
- ✓ **Lodged complaints with DDC Environmental Health** when our noise readings show that the Noise Abatement Notice has been breached. We have monitored 15 breaches since April 2019. DDC has only monitored one!

## ***WHAT YOU CAN DO***

### **1. ATTEND THE DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING ON THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 2020 AT 6PM.**

Even if you are not affected by the noise and traffic, there are many residents in Wootton, Shepherdswell and beyond who are, so please support your neighbours.

The meeting will take place at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, CT16 3PJ. We advise you to be there by 5.30pm if you want to get a seat in the Chamber. If you need a lift, please let us know.

### **2. DONATE**

Please donate further funds to our campaign. WEPG Account No: 61954330 / Sort Code: 60-06-23 or make a cheque out to Wootton Environment Protection Group.

Please remember Wootton Environment Protection Group is not trying to close Lydden Hill Race Circuit down or prevent it from operating, but we do need to ensure that the Circuit follows agreed planning conditions, that such conditions reflect the Circuit's location in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and that the Circuit adheres to the Noise Abatement Notices which have been served on it.

### **Wootton Environment Protection Group Committee:**

Julia Craik, Justine Crush, Penelope James, Charles Lazarevic, Richard Preddy