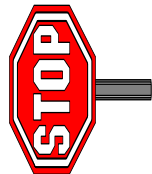


PLEASE HELP FIGHT THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S WASTE PLAN BY JOINING BALI!

DO YOU WANT THIS IN BEXHILL – AGAIN ?!



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MEMBERSHIP SCHEME (Application form enclosed)

WHY SHOULDN'T THERE BE A LANDFILL AT ASHDOWN? 10 GOOD REASONS !!!

- 1. THE HIGHWOODS** ancient woodland - an SSSI - is only 50 metres away. Its wildlife would be decimated. ESCC say there should be no landfill sites "within 500 metres of a valued environment"!
- 2. THERE IS NO SUITABLE ACCESS.** ESCC say "landfill sites require good access to the main areas of waste" but existing local roads are totally unsuitable for waste traffic.
- 3. TOO CLOSE TO BEXHILL CEMETERY.** Only 50 metres away, its tranquillity would be destroyed!
- 4. UNACCEPTABLE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY.** Bexhill High School, Highwoods Golf Club, Caravan and Camping Parks and app. 4000 residents are within 1km of Ashdown. Elsewhere ESCC only looks for landfill sites over 1km from urban areas!
- 5. ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES** at the site include significant, nationally important dinosaur remains now in Bexhill Museum. There is much more to discover. The site must be protected as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.
- 6. A PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION PLAN HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED TO MAKE ASHDOWN A PUBLIC LEISURE PARK** Why change it to a dump?
- 7. THE COMMUNITY IS UNITED AGAINST LANDFILL AT ASHDOWN.** (This includes Rother District Council). Local people and local councils should have the final say over where waste facilities are housed!
- 8. BEXHILL HAS DONE ITS FAIR SHARE** to help manage the County's waste, having housed three landfills in the last 60 years!
- 9. OTHER SITES ARE POTENTIALLY MORE SUITABLE.** ESCC has a list of 23 other sites it should investigate!
- 10. LANDFILL IS A MEDIEVAL WAY OF MANAGING WASTE.** We have to reduce, reuse and recycle more waste and recover power and heat from the remainder.

CAN YOU HELP MORE ?

Your joining BALI in itself helps us in our opposition to the proposed landfill and does not commit you to do anything further. However we also need active campaigners. Would you be willing to take part in any of the following?

Delivering leaflets in your area:

Recruiting members in your area:

Helping get signatures for a petition:

Assisting at BALL social or fundraising events:

Would you be willing to play an even more active role by joining one of our committees or subcommittees? Yes No

Please tick any of these areas you may wish to help:

- Publicity Secretarial Lobbying Research
Organizing Events Fundraising Finance

THE PROBLEM

East Sussex County Council, in its Preferred Strategy for Waste (2009), has again identified Ashdown Brickworks in Turkey Road as a potential site for the land disposal of waste. If this goes ahead Bexhill will receive waste from all over the County, including Brighton and this will have egregious consequences for the environment and quality of life in Bexhill and Rother.

Sandwiched between the beautiful Highwoods (a Site of Special Scientific Interest) and the tranquil Bexhill Cemetery, with the Highwoods Golf Club just across the road and the new flagship Bexhill High School within 700 metres, **Ashdown is a grotesquely unsuitable site for the County's waste.** If the plan to use it to dump waste goes ahead, the unique flora and fauna of the Highwoods will be decimated and, while clearly most affected will be the 4000 or so residents living within a mile of the site, continuous heavy waste lorry traffic to and from the site will cause noise, dust and air pollution to a far wider area. Property prices will tumble and Rother District Council's plans for the regeneration of Bexhill will be set back.

Having hosted three landfills in the last 60 years, why should Bexhill be dumped on again?

WHO ARE BALI AND WHY SHOULD I JOIN!

BALI (Bexhill against Landfill and Incineration) is a small action group of local residents who in 2002, when a landfill at Ashdown Brickworks was first proposed, formed a Committee to fight against it. Punching above its weight, through widespread public support it has, over the years become a force to be reckoned with and recognized as such by the key decision-makers with whom it engages. Generous donations from local residents have also enabled it to retain a firm of top class professional planning lawyers (DMH Stallard) to advise it and make robust submissions to the County Council on behalf of the people of Bexhill and Rother.

However, despite all our arguments, the County Council still hangs on stubbornly to its plan and **BALI believes the people of Bexhill and Rother have a long and even more difficult fight ahead if they are to defeat this pernicious proposal.** It has thus decided, in order to gain greater clout, to reorganize as a **membership association** open to all residents of Bexhill and Rother. In this way it can prove to the County Council, by the strength of its membership, that the people of Bexhill and Rother district are dead set against their plan!

Under its new BALI constitution, the members have ultimate control of BALI. They receive regular news of BALI activities and are entitled to attend and vote to approve its plans and accounts at its General Meetings and to elect its Officers and Committee. They are also welcome to help with the campaigning and fundraising.

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Website: www.nolandfillatbexhill.org.uk



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Subscription rates: Adults: £5.00 Students: £3.00 Company or Affiliated Group: £10.00

Name(s)

Address

Tel: email: Postcode

I/we enclose my/our cheque to the sum of £

Signed: Date:

Please make your cheque payable to "BALI (Membership)". We will send you by return a membership card and a copy of the BALI constitution.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: BALI, PO BOX 194, Bexhill on Sea, TN40 9BD

Your details will be held securely on the BALI database and not passed to any third parties