

## District councillor's report, Sept 2012

### 1. Mendlesham REP application

Having taken legal advice the Council has advised the applicant (Eco 2) to withdraw his application and to investigate the failings of the application and resubmit if and when he is ready to do so. This is a reference to the applicant's failure to consider alternative sites in addition to the one at Mendlesham airfield, which suggests that the application was made with insufficient care and attention: having read it myself it seems to me that there were a number of factual inaccuracies or inconsistencies which undermined the case. However, it remains to be seen whether Eco 2 will seek to make good the omissions, or appeal against them.

I am aware that Thorndon Parish Council expressed its approval of this application. I should therefore like to explain why I wrote a letter of objection for the Planning Committee meeting (which was to have taken place on July 18). I was concerned that insufficient regard had been given to the likely impact on the price of straw either in the application itself, or by the Planning Officer. Conversations with pig farmers, as well as reading available reports (not least one commissioned by the local authorities of the region, including Suffolk County Council) led me to believe that there was a real danger that a significant increase in demand for straw, instead of triggering further supply, would have a highly negative effect on local pig farming businesses.

### 2. Brome household waste recycling site

The site at Brome reopened on August 11, with a new operator (Kevin Crispin of Crispin Recycling from Eye, who has over 10 years' experience working on household waste recycling centres, and who recently worked at the Brome site for Bolton Brothers). It will be open every weekday except Wednesdays, and on Saturdays 9.00-5.00 and Sundays 10.00-4.00. All recyclables will be accepted free, except green waste, wood and hardcore, which will attract a charge of £6 per car.

Please do your best to support it, because if it is not a success it will close again and it is less likely that anyone else will dare take it on.

### 3. Textile recycling

The textile recycling collection service commenced in July, and as at August 22 had collected 108 tonnes of clothes, equivalent to approx. 21,000 textile recycling bags, so thanks to residents for making the scheme such a success in so short a space of time.

When you leave bags in your recycling bin, they should be replaced by the refuse teams, but if for any reason they do not please call 0845 606 606045.

### 4. Eye Development Brief

Please note that submissions need to be made by September 7.

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