MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 1979

EXTRACTION OF SAND AND GRAVEL AT WARE PARK FARM

Redland Aggregates Ltd. have applied for planning permission to open another large gravel pit at Ware Park Farm - less than a mile from Molewood Estate and adjacent to the residential areas of Templefields, Watermill Lane and Rib Vale. Hertfordshire County Council Planning Committee will decide the matter on the 10th October.

The area affected comprises 40 acres of the Rib Valley (designated as an area of great landscape value in the County Development Plan and highly commended for its beauty in the Hertford Civic Societ's"Green Fingers" report) and an area of 30 acres on the plateau above. The total material to be extracted is estimated at 2,235,000 tonnes. The fact that some exploratory holes are described as "unbottomed" means that the ultimate quantity may be far greater. The existing pit at Ware Park Farm is almost worked out. The pits at Waterford, containing Redlands washing plant are nearly worked out. Both areas should soon be returned to normal agricultural use. If the new pit is opened, this will not happen. Redlands propose to transport the new gravel along the B158 and Sacombe Rd. to the washing plant at Waterford. This means more unsightly scars on the landscape and the hazards and pollution caused by increased lorry traffic, stretching into the next generation.

Redlands proposals for restoration might mean the commercialisation of of Bengeo and the Rib Valley since they intent to turn the Rib Valley into a recreational lake and infill the plateau with putrescible waste.

Your Committee are appalled at the implications of this application for Bengeo and fear detrimental long term effects on the environment and on the character of the area. The Committee considers the application (which is a new one and will be decided on its merits) should be strongly opposed. We have joined forces with the Watermill Lane Residents Association. The Bengeo Tenants Association are also interested. The Committee , and some of our members as individuals, have written letters of protest to the County Council.

DO YOU CARE SUFFICIENTLY TO TAKE ACTION?

A Public Meeting , to test the strength of local feeling has been arranged for MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER at 8.00 p.m. at the CHURCH HALL,DUNCOMBE RD. A resolution will be put before the meeting and it is proposed to present a Petition of Objection to the Council signed by all interested parties.

IT IS VITAL that you attend the Meeting and sign the Petition. Redlands should not be allowed to succeed through lack of interest on the part of residents. Separate notices advertising the meeting have been circulated to as many houses as time and expense permit. Please do your bit by telling all your friends and neighbours. Volunteere to obtain signatures for the Petition will be appreciated. Further information is available from committee members.

DOGS

A number of complaints have been received about dogs being allowed to foul footpaths and even the private front gardens of other residents!!

Residents are reminded that there is a byelaw in existance under which dog owners can be fined for such offences.

BENGEO STREET - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The Technical Services Department of the District Council now propose to conduct a survey in September. We intend to continue to watch the situation and if necessary carry out our own survey after the beginning of the new shcool term

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is facing a large shortage of money in financing it's proposed new site. This is caused mainly because escalating costs make each estimate out of date by the time cash is raised. Ther is also great difficulty in matching the council grants offered (which do not take account of inflation)

At the moment there appears to be no solution in site.

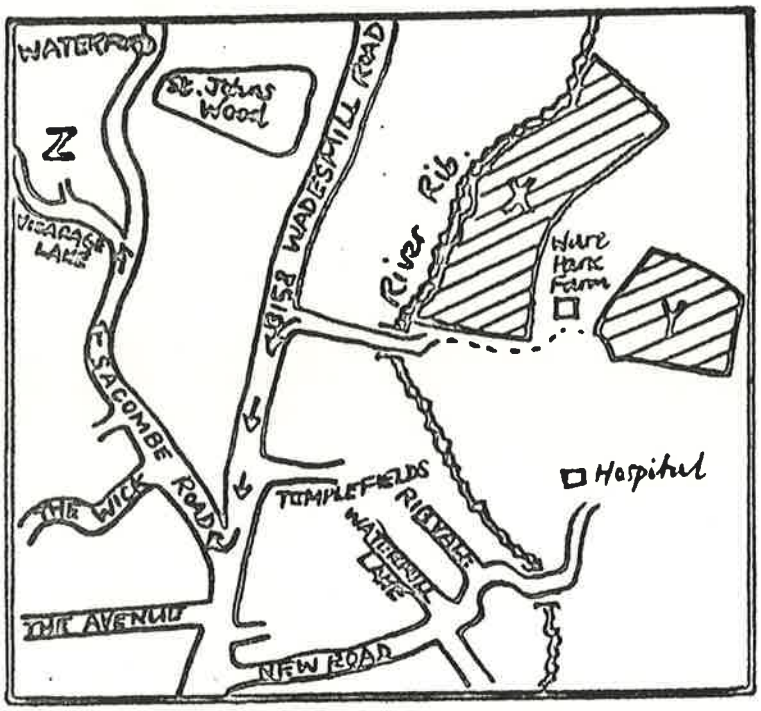
MOLEWOOD GRAVEL PIT

Not much further working in the pit to the rear of The Avenue has been reported. However, we have now been informed that a survey is to be carried out over the next month (which will include noise level measurements), by the environmental health authority. The results will be watched with interest.

DUPLICATOR

The residents' association hage for sale a secondhand duplicator - in woroing order. The best offer around £10 will be accepted. Those interested should contact David Black Telephone 57385.

THE NOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND THE WATERMILL ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



* Destruction of an area of natural beauty...

* Further scars on the landscape...

* More heavy lorries along the B.158 and Sacombe Road...

* Excavations to be used as Rubbish tips...

REDLAND AGGREGATES LIMITED have applied for Planning Permission to excavate approximately 2,235,000. tonnes of sand and gravel from areas totalling sixty-five acres in the Rib Valley and at Ware Park Farm ('X' and 'Y') and transport it to their Washing Plant at Vicarage Lane, Waterford.('Z')...

This could mean one 15-ton gravel lorry along Sacombe Road EVERY THREE MINUTES...

Work could last for FIFTEEN YEARS...

The Committees of the local Residents Associations feel very strongly that this would be a bad thing for Bengeo and should be opposed. Redlands should not be allowed to succeed through lack of action by residents.

DO YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT IT ? ?

This is what you can do to prevent it.....URGENTLY....

WRITE a personal letter of objection to
The Director of Planning, E.H.D.C.

WRITE to The County Planning Officer,
Hertfordshire County Council.

WRITE to D.Bowen-Wells, MP.

WRITE to your local Councillors.

(Letters have already been written by the Associations but every letter adds weight to our case.)

ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING at The Church Hall, Duncombe Road, on SEPTEMBER 3rd. AT 8.00 PM.

SIGN THE PETITION OF OBJECTION.

(Further details are available from Committee Members.)

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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YELLOW PAGES

MOLEWOOD SCHOOL OF DANCING	Ballroom & Latin-American. Adults FRI. 8.45pm. Children WED 5.30pm Parish Hall, Duncombe Road.	Hert.54753
FLORISTRY 'Pam'	Weddings, funerals etc. Flowers for all occasions.	107 Cowper Cres Hert. 51329
SECURITY PRODUCTS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS	Front entrance door locks Personal attack alarms electrical alarms locks for internal doors & windows/Wooden or metal	Hert. 57809
DUPLICATING		
Marilyn Stevenson	80p per 100 sheets (one side only) £1.20 per 100 sheets (2 sides) Minimum charge £1.00 Charges include A4 white or coloured paper.	Hert.57169
TYPEWRITING		
Myra Allen	Stencils typed for above service or plain typing. Shorthand taken.	Hert.56576
EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE		
Ladder (Extension)	Aluminium with easy reach £1 per week	Hert.57285
Car Ramps	10p per day	-do-
Jump leads	10p per day	-do-
Preserving Pan	10p per day	Hert.51329