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## KEG Campaign Update

Following the flurry of activity at the beginning of the year which was outlined in our last newsletter we would like to clarify a couple of issues that may have been misunderstood

### South Oxfordshire District Council Emerging Local Plan 2011-2034 (January 2019)

Although South Oxfordshire District Council have decided not to include sites bordering the Reading Borough boundary in their Emerging Local Plan it doesn't mean that these sites can't be put forward for housing development

The owners of Reading Golf Club, Palmer's Riding Stables and the land to the east of Caversham Park Road have every right to approach South Oxfordshire District Council and submit a planning application to build residential dwellings on their land.

### Reading Golf Club Land

Reading Golf Club Land straddles the border between Reading Borough and South Oxfordshire.

The part of the golf course which is within South Oxfordshire is larger in area than the land in Reading Borough and has not been included in the South Oxfordshire Emerging Local Plan (see above)

Part of the golf course which is within the Reading Borough has been identified as a development site for housing in the Reading Borough Draft Local Plan. This is the land close to Kidmore End Road (where the club house, car park and the 1st and 18th Holes are) and covers an area of about 3.75 hectares. It is referred to in the Draft Local Plan as 'Policy CA1b'

Following a consultation period in Early 2018 and a public examination with an independent inspector in October 2018, a decision from the inspector as to whether 'policy CA1b' meets the criteria to be included in the Draft Local Plan is expected soon.

- If CA1b is included in Reading's Draft Local Plan we expect that a planning application by the Golf Club and/or their development partner will follow.
- If CA1b is excluded from Reading's Draft Local Plan the Golf Club can still submit a planning application to Reading Borough Council to build residential dwellings on their land.

### What we are doing now

We believe it is important that residents in the local area are aware of these potential housing developments and the impact they could have on our local area. Over the next couple of weeks we will be delivering leaflets and speaking to residents on a road-by road basis across the local area.

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the leaflet

We also intend to raise awareness of the Keep Emmer Green campaign by producing posters and banners in the very near future.

To help to fund our campaign we have started a crowdfunding site with Just Giving. To take our campaign to the next level we are looking initially to raise £750 to cover campaign costs such as leaflets, posters, local meetings and website updates etc.

We may decide at a later date to seek professional advice on planning, environmental issues, highways/traffic etc. and this will require us to raise more than the current £750 target.

But let's take one step at a time and concentrate on increasing awareness among the local community

If you can help with delivering leaflets please let us know

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