

ZEBON COPSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
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Welcome to another edition of the Newsletter. Thank you to all our readers who supported the Summer Barbecue which was a great success. Since then your committee has been very busy behind the scenes - here are some of the activities:

- o Following up planning applications such as access to the Stud Farm Site
- o Discussing the potential impact of the Hampshire Structure Plan 2001 to 2011
- o Organising a "Litter Pick" to make the estate a tidier and cleaner place
- o Negotiating with Hart District Council regarding Children's Play Areas - see overleaf for details.
- o Approaching Hampshire County Council with regard to the future of the designated school site - see details below
- o Following up complaints from residents regarding horses using the estate footpaths
- o Following up the rationale behind the footpath overlapping barriers - see details below

SCHOOL SITE by Philip Ashton

Many people from the estate have asked the Residents' Association Committee whether a school is to be built on the designated site in Danvers Drive opposite Le Borowe. The answer is that no decision has been made yet.

With regard to future demand for school places, the County has to take into account all similar (i.e. primary age range) schools within a two mile radius of the proposed school site. Where the pupil forecast figure is greater than the capacity figure, then the future demand increases and a "Basic Need" exists.

At present the County are not certain that the long term "Basic Need" is large enough to warrant the cost of building a school (about £1.25 to £1.50 million). Naturally, as County state: "Pupil numbers, housing developments and other significant factors are kept under regular review and are acted upon when a need becomes apparent." One of these housing developments is the Velmead Stud Farm: if this development proceeds then County are far more likely to authorise building of the school.

With regard to the actual site, this is owned by Hampshire County Council and they have stated that there is no option for a developer to buy it. The current site would house an infants school with a capacity of up to approximately 225 pupils but with a minimum number of 160 pupils.

FOOTPATH BARRIERS

Your Committee have consulted Hart with regard to increasing the narrow separation of the footpath barriers which appeared around the estate. Their purpose is one of safety and the design is intended to have 1 metre separation. The Council will not agree to a separation of more than 1.4 metres and state that cyclists must dismount at each barrier. If you are not happy with this write to Hart Council!

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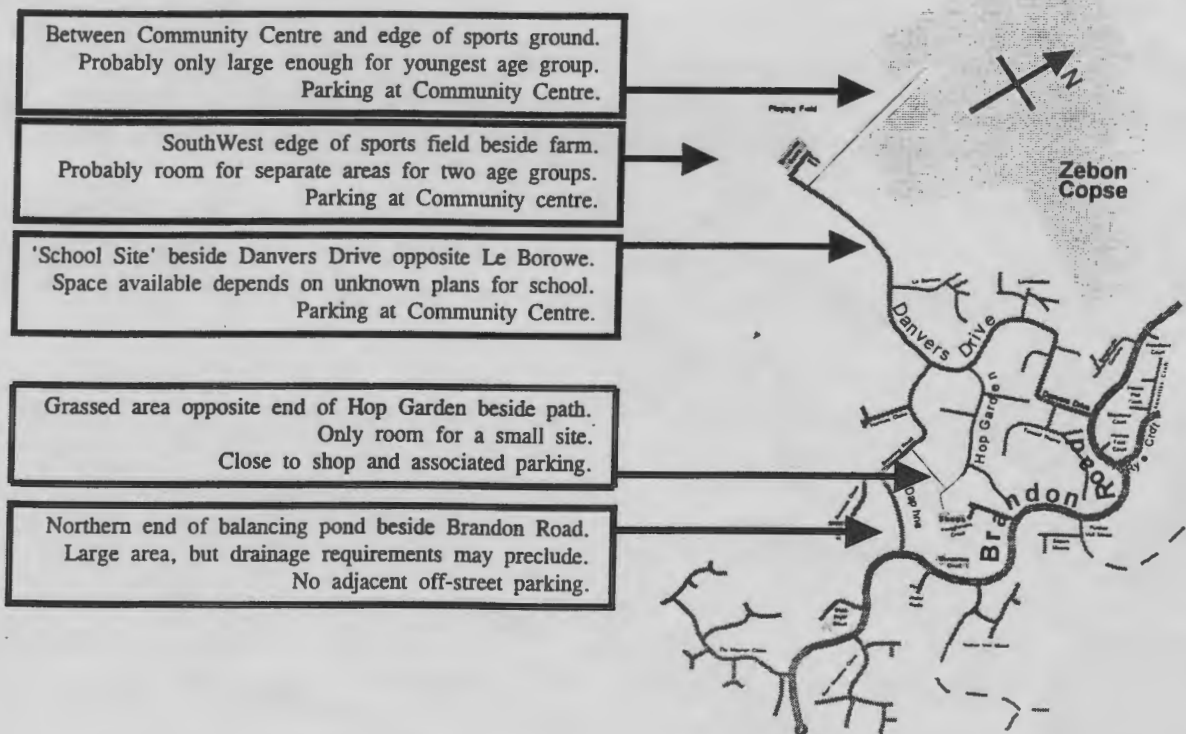
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CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

Hart District Council has invited the Zebon Copse Residents' Association to suggest locations on the estate for a children's play area. The Council has up to £25,000 to spend. They also seek views on the age groups and numbers of children likely to use the facilities.

Possible locations identified by the committee are shown on the map below. The only constraints are that the location must be on designated open space and that there is a consensus of agreement by residents especially those adjacent to the site. Note that the school site is unlikely to be an option.

Members of the Residents Association are asked to offer their ideas, suggestions or comments. Please telephone the Play Area Co-ordinator, N Bond, on 816662 by no later than December 20th.



If you have a neighbour who is not a member of ZCRA but would like a voice in local affairs, please encourage them to join us. Contact Nicky Dawson on 626422.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ADVICE:

Report anything suspicious or any incidents directly to the police without delay.