

I am pleased to tell you that the Council has decided to make an Article 4 Direction in respect of Wanborough Fields. The details can be viewed on the council website:

<http://www2.guildford.gov.uk/councilmeetings/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=824&LLL=0>

The decision comes into immediate effect, without the necessity of the matter being referred to the Executive at its meeting [on 20 February 2018](#), as originally intended.

The Article 4 Direction now requires planning permission to be obtained for erection of fences, gates, walls and any other means of enclosure, temporary buildings and temporary uses of the land.

This decision reverses the Council's previous decision not to grant an Article 4 Direction and responds to the residents' campaign and e-petition which has therefore closed today . The council will notify all those who have signed it that the decision to make the Article 4 Direction has been made.

This is great news for Wanborough and adjoining communities including Seale and Sands . The Direction will give some protection to the beautiful rolling countryside stretching down from the Hog's Back to Wanborough and Christmas Pie and also stress the need to safeguard our AONB and AGLV landscape.

The signatures to the e- petition had risen to 475 by today. 500 signatures would have triggered a full council debate so the petition became a very important tool in persuading the council to make the right decision and sooner than previously anticipated.

So all credit to Mary Adkins, the driving force behind the campaign and to all residents, friends and family for their kind support.

Thank you and kind regards

Tony

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