

Speckled Wood News

**From your local Labour councillors: Peter Chowney & Jay Kramer
July 2006**

Today, we have been calling on residents to see if we can help with any problems you may have with the County or Borough Council. We have produced this newsletter to help keep you in touch with what's going on.

MP Calls for action from developers

For over a year, local councillors and the MP (Michael Foster) have been working with Speckled Wood residents to resolve some of the problems with shoddy work in the development. Meetings have been organised, letters have been sent, but the developers and their solicitors have consistently failed to put right any of the problems. Now Michael Foster has written to the developer's solicitor stating:

"Residents are becoming increasingly angry at the continuing delay in resolving these problems, which have been going on for over a year now. Indeed your letter of the 23rd of December mentioned that a meeting would be arranged with residents to arrange the passing over of the Association to the members, a meeting which has still not occurred some seven months on."

Jay Kramer adds:



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" These problems have been going on far too long. It's outrageous that the residents are being treated in this way. With Michael Foster, we shall help them in whatever way we can to get justice. This

could mean taking their case to the press to expose the failures of these developers."

Both Peter Chowney and Jay Kramer will be looking further at what can be done, and will be consulting residents about what action they should take.

Protect the Upper Ore Valley!

Peter Chowney has recently been researching land ownership in the



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undeveloped part of the Upper Ore Valley, revealing a patchwork of many different land owners, many of whom would be untraceable. He says:

" This is good news - it would make it very difficult for any developer to acquire enough land to build on. But this land is still zoned for housing – I think it's important that we try to get this changed in the new Local Development Framework, which the Council is putting together now. We need to ensure this unusual habitat becomes protected open space for all to enjoy."

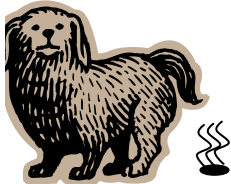
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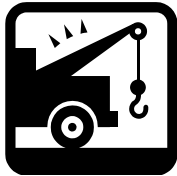
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and we'll put you on the circulation list.



Dog mess and litter?

You can phone the Council's free litterline on 0800 854223 to report dog mess or litter, and get it cleared.



Untaxed and abandoned cars?

You can report untaxed and abandoned cars by reporting them to the Council on 783376, giving the number, description and location of the car. Abandoned cars are often in a dangerous condition – do please report them, and they will be removed!

You can contact your Labour councillors via the Town Hall, or:

Peter Chowney: Tel: 01424 721287 e-mail: cllr.peter.chowney@hastings.gov.uk
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or look at our websites:

www.councillor.info/hastings/pchowney
www.councillor.info/hastings/jkramer

Jay is also the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings. You can contact her about County Council matters as above.

Reply slip: Send this slip to Cllr. Jay Kramer or Cllr. Peter Chowney, Town Hall, Queen's Road, Hastings TN34 1QR

I would like to raise the following issue:

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Name:..... Address:

Telephone: