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Conservatives united against Green Belt development

Everyone in Sunbury and Halliford will have heard suggestions that the Jockey Club is looking to sell Kempton Park to developers who want to cover it with variously 1500, 2000 or 3000 homes.

No sale has yet taken place and there is considerable opposition in the Racing world to the Jockey Club's plans.

Accordingly no planning applications have been or can be submitted to the Spelthorne Borough Council.

Should any such application reach Spelthorne it would be considered within the context of the Local Plan which essentially forbids development on the Green Belt.

Sunbury Councillor Ian Harvey, the Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council, has been outspokenly clear in his rebuttal of planners' suggestions, both in an open letter to the would-be developers last year and in a front page piece in the Surrey Advertiser in January.

Councillor Harvey's unambiguous words are reprinted overleaf.

Local County Councillor Tim Evans has been equally robust in refuting the developers' absurd implications that there are "positive conversations" with the Borough Council. There are no such conversations and it is mischievous to suggest otherwise.

CONSERVATIVES WILL NOT PERMIT DEVELOPMENT ON THE GREEN BELT

This policy applies equally to any Green Belt site in Spelthorne which include those in Sunbury, such as the land south of Halliford Road and the field west of Stratton Road about which developers have made specific enquiries.

Residents may rely on their Conservative Councillors to protect our Green Belt.



Tim Evans
Your local
Conservative
Candidate



Ian Harvey,
Leader of
Spelthorne
Borough Council

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**Exclusive
By Charlotte Talbot**

KEMPTON Park racecourse could be purchased by the council and turned into open space, Spelthorne Borough Council's leader has exclusively revealed.

The revelation by Cllr Ian Harvey came after the Jockey Club's announcement this week that the racecourse could close to make way for thousands of new homes.

The Jockey Club has partnered with developers Redrow to put forward the racecourse site to be redeveloped, providing around 3,000 homes.

It said that, combined with the council's 'review of green belt boundaries', the opportunity to develop Kempton Park would be a 'once-in-a-generation' chance to promote the site for new homes and local benefits, while preserving

green space between Spelthorne and London.

Last year, Cllr Harvey called on the developer to 'desist from unwanted desecration of desperately needed green belt space' and this week maintained that his view has not changed.

In an open letter, Cllr Harvey said: "Nothing has changed except my resolve, which has doubled. I cannot understand why the Jockey Club and Redrow continue pushing this hopeless cause."

Speaking exclusively to the *Surrey Advertiser*, Cllr Harvey said that if the Jockey Club did decide to discontinue horse racing and did not get planning consent for the site, he would be interested in 'acquiring the vacant property for use as open space', providing the price was right.

The open letter added: "It will be for the council, through its new local plan, to decide how much development is



**Councillor Ian Harvey,
Leader of Spelthorne
Borough Council.**

needed in the future and the most sustainable locations for it to go," it added. "It is not bound by any particular proposals that are put forward by developers. The council expects its Local Plan to be adopted in 2020.

"I am fully aware of the views

of local residents and have consistently made clear my strong opposition to development of this site and my determination to protect the green belt in Spelthorne. The council's finances are very robust and any suggestion that it needs money from new development is completely groundless."

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See page 4 and 26 for more.

Above press clipping from the Surrey Advertiser 13th January 2017



Cllr Ian Harvey
Leader, Spelthorne Borough Council

18th April 2016

Open Letter to Redrow Homes regarding proposed development at Kempton Park

From the Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council and Sumbury ward Member, Cllr Ian Harvey

Dear Redrow

I am greatly surprised that you are continuing to try to develop a large area of Kempton Park, with it is rumoured, up to 1500 houses. You are fully aware that this is all Green Belt land and that Spelthorne Borough Council's Local Plan states clearly that we oppose Green Belt development. Your plans are thus in blatant contradiction to our clearly stated and lawful policies. Why do you believe you can promote your proposals in this manner? Presumably, you believe your plans outweigh our Policies. Spelthorne residents should rest assured that the Conservative Councillors will apply these policies clearly and unambiguously.

You have proposed an "information day" with residents this coming Saturday 23rd April to "listen to residents and understand any concerns". I can assure you, as a ward Councillor for the planned development area and resident for 19 years, that the vast majority of local residents will strongly oppose plans for any such development and have a great many concerns! Clearly one of the roles of local Councillors is to represent and reflect the view of their residents. I am very happy to state publicly my clear opposition to the development of Green Belt land.

Despite very mischievous PR, Spelthorne Borough Council also has no intention of 'working alongside' Redrow Homes or any other private company on a new Local Plan. You may offer your views, as may any member of the public. But to be clear, the Local Plan proposals will be for the elected councillors of Spelthorne Borough Council to decide.

You are therefore asked to respect the Green Belt policy of the democratically elected local authority as well as the wishes of the vast majority of affected local residents, and desist from this unwanted desecration of desperately needed Green Belt space in our Borough.

Spelthorne residents can have faith that I, and my fellow Conservative Councillors will protect the Green Belt at Kempton Park for the benefit of all. Please note that we Conservative Councillors are determined to protect our communities and the environment so will always fight to protect Green Belt and other protected open spaces.

Councillor Ian Harvey
Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council
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