



SOUTHMERE GROUP

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Interest in the fate of Southmere field has gathered momentum with excellent articles published in both the Hayling Islander and the News.

The Southmere Group evolved when it was recognised defending Southmere would be complex requiring several mechanisms on different levels. The Group comprises a small team of highly focussed Langstone residents with a variety of complementary skills determined to protect an important field under the auspices of both the Langstone Village and Langstone Residents Associations.

Unlike most green field sites, Southmere Field is different because it is protected by a Covenant signed by our elected representatives in 1980 on behalf of the electorate, specifically designed to prevent future development and to protect us!

Southmere is not just about defending the loss of the last green space along Langstone Road with disastrous effects on wildlife, traffic congestion and the local environment, it is importantly about questioning the ethics of any attempt to bypass a legal document in place to benefit residents and visitors and not developers. We must not allow matters of principal to be eroded.

Some might believe the Covenant is out of date and no longer relevant to modern interests. We are advised the rationale for the Covenant has not changed and consequently it is as relevant today as it was when it was signed in 1980.

The Group is assembling legal and environmental expertise to produce robust platforms capable of opposing planning at any level but we also need the coordinated support of Langstone Residents.

The Southmere Group will periodically e mail residents with a series of information updates and suggestions for specific action. If you would like to be kept informed please email the Group at m.snowdon@spurelectron.com

Your responses, comments and suggestions are very welcome.