

# Don't Wait For it to Disappear

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## PLEASE HELP by donating money to fund the next step of the campaign

### Why do we need funding?

The consultation in respect of MX52 and MX53 raised a huge number of objections from our local community but that doesn't mean that Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) will decide to remove these developments from the plan. The Portfolio Holder for Planning is still determined to meet the housing targets set by Government and seems set on including large scale Green Belt development in order to achieve this.

The committee is of the opinion that, in order to defend our villages, we therefore need to raise substantial funds over the coming months. Some of this is needed now. Without this funding we will be unable to engage professional help – including planning consultants and traffic consultants – to make sure we have every possible piece of evidence in support of our case. We also need a barrister to represent us at key SDC meetings and any appeals to SDC or the Government. Only they have the necessary skills to present our case in a way which will win.

There has been a healthy debate in the NO Hartley Expansion (NHE) Committee as to the timing of the fund raising launch but we finally decided we had to act now. What is absolutely clear is that the potential developers are preparing for every eventuality prior to any decision by SDC. We think it is safe to say that the potential developers will have mapped out their legal response so that, whatever the decision made by SDC, they will be ready and prepared.

We as a community need to be equally prepared which means we need to engage professional help **NOW**. It is clear that, even in the best case scenario where SDC removes both MX52 and MX53 from the Local Plan, the potential developers will almost certainly appeal. If we wait until this happens, it will be too late to find and engage the necessary professional help and get everything in place quickly enough to fight the decision.

### How much do we need?

Professional consultants and barristers are costly. As many of you may have noticed, in recent days our GoFundMe page has had its target substantially increased to £100,000. We based this target on the worst case scenario using similar situations as a guide. This does not mean we need all of that now, but any legal battle over the developments could well go on for a protracted period of time. Our costs over the coming months would then build significantly and could amount to £100,000 or even more. However, our short term target has been set at £25,000, needed urgently to engage the professional help required immediately.

### How will you know how your money has been spent?

The committee will regularly report on how much we have received and how much we have spent. Any remaining funds at the end of the campaign will be used for the benefit of our villages. We will ask the community for suggestions and ask the local community to vote for their favourite.

### How will we raise money?

Local businesses – why not donate and be featured on the NO Hartley Expansion home page? If you are interested please contact the Committee via our [Contact page](#).

Facebook followers – we value your support and your help in distributing leaflets, but if every one of our 1,371 (and rising) followers makes a donation this would make a huge contribution to our initial target.

We would welcome all ideas for raising funds.

### How can you make a donation to the campaign?

Visit our [GoFundMe page](#)



Transfer funds to the NO Hartley Expansion bank account: Sort Code 20 54 25, Account Number 43687120

Send a cheque payable to NO Hartley Expansion to the NHE Committee, c/o Hartley Country Club, Culvey Close, Hartley, Longfield, DA3 8BS.

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