

# Professional Representation

The committee have identified the professionals we hope to instruct in the coming weeks dependant on the success of the fund raising campaign. Following recent independent advice from a barrister on a pro bono basis, we are comfortable with our approach in terms of the professionals we need to instruct, the timing of their engagement and the potential cost of this help. The advice confirmed our thoughts that the initial target of £25,000 has a sound basis with the worst case scenario of £100,000 + should the battle become protracted a prudent overall estimate.

It has become clear whilst mapping out the help we require that it is important that we do not overstretch ourselves in terms of the work that needs to be undertaken both by the committee, volunteers and by the paid professional help. To be clear the committee will not engage professionals for phases of works unless we have the money to complete that phase.

The committee have therefore determined that they can only realistically fight the cause of MX52/MX53 with these constraints. It should be noted that should either one or both of these developments go forward onto the Sevenoaks Plan then all the local villages – Ash, Fawkham, Hartley, Longfield and New Ash Green will all be severely impacted through the high pressure that the development(s) will put on the local infrastructure.

Should other large local green belt developments go forward onto the plan that the committee will of course give as much advice, guidance and practical help to any new group instituted to fight those proposed developments.

## Fund Raising

The committee will issue a further update on our fundraising campaign in the coming week – this will include the money raised (via [Go Fund Me](#), bank transfer and cheque), the money spent and on what and the surplus funds and what they have been ring fenced for.

New fundraising ideas have also been discussed;

– There will be a campaign website shop launched selling campaign merchandise – the initial thoughts are car stickers, bracelets, Tee shirts and a 2018 calendar – Watch this space for more information.

– The committee will have stalls at as many upcoming Christmas fairs as possible, selling merchandise and raising awareness of where we are in the process.

– Other initiatives are actively being investigated and once we determine they are viable we will of course share these ideas with you.

The committee remain open to all fundraising suggestions. Please feel free to contact the committee with your ideas.

Thank you for your continued support.

The NO Hartley Expansion Committee

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**Ash Fawkham Hartley**  
**Longfield NAG New Barn**

