

Newsletter 1 – 2 September 2020

- Since 2008 a group of neighbours adjacent to the Donkey field and other concerned parties has monitored the risk of The Donkey Field being developed for housing and that at some stage Eton College, the field's owners, would put forward the site for development as part of the Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) process. That has happened and the site now appears, along with the adjacent field, as a developable site in the Council's draft Island plan published in 2019.
- The group resubmitted its 2008 report*, which was updated and submitted again in 2015, to Council as part of the consultation process on the draft plan.
- We still await the outcome of that consultation but events seem to be moving apace ahead of the determination of the status of the field.
 - The donkeys were removed by Atalanta last year, but she continued to rent the field and it continued to have grazing rights.
 - Recently, the owners - Eton College, have stopped the grazing rights and then stopped her lease.
 - Then, about 5-6 weeks ago, a surveyor, working for Eton, turned up to look at the field.
 - And, yesterday, another surveyor with theodolite arrived.
 - And it is believed (still to be confirmed) that it is a developer who has just purchased 51 Solent View Road. Nr 51 is adjacent the bridleway which cuts from Solent View Road to the top corner of the field.

** The report is available on this web site via a link in the 'Protecting the Donkey Field since 2008' page*