**NEW APPLICATION BY HALLAM LAND TO BUILD 1,560 HOMES BETWEEN BIERTON AND WATERMEAD. PLEASE USE THE REASONS OVERLEAF AND SEND YOUR OWN OBJECTION TO 13/00391/AOP “LAND EAST OF WATERMEAD” TO AVDC BEFORE 19TH MARCH**

***This is a joint message from Bierton with Broughton Parish Council and the Residents’ Action Group***

As if the prospect of a 2,450 home development by Barratt Homes at *‘land east of Aylesbury’* ie at Broughton Crossing and Stocklake, isn’t enough, a planning application was submitted to AVDC on 11th February by Hallam Land for a development called *‘land east of Watermead’.* It proposes the construction of 1560 new residences between Bierton and Watermead. Details were placed on the AVDC Planning website on 12 February and paper copies of the plans were received by the Parish Clerk on 18th February with a deadline of 19th March for comments. You can view the application in detail on the AVDC planning website using reference number 13/00391/AOP and clicking on ‘documents’.

Hallam Land are rushing this proposal to rival and catch up with those already submitted for Fleet Marston and Hampden Fields before 1) the Government finally scraps the South East Plan and 2) AVDC sees it is legally safe to publish its draft Aylesbury Vale Plan. The AVP is expected to confirm the District’s own (lower) target of a further 6,000 houses in the Vale by 2031. Meanwhile, AVDC is obliged to consider Hallam’s application and, on top of that, an Inspector has already been appointed to consider the merits of at least the two proposals already mentioned. Hallam want to build 1,560 homes, which is around half the number they proposed when it was called ‘site C’ as part of the now abandoned Eastern Arc Core Strategy. Hallam say they have listened to the ‘serious concerns’ of the Core Strategy Planning Inspector by giving Bierton village a green buffer. They haven’t – this Application is a dog’s breakfast!

Hallam’s proposal embraces **all** the land between Watermead and Great Lane Bierton right round the perimeter of Watermead up to the A413 Buckingham Road but skirts Grendon Hill Farm, beyond Great Lane. The 1,560 properties will be in a ribbon backing on to **but not connected** with Watermead and separated from Great lane and Grendon Hill Farm by a “buffer” of playing fields and parks. A so called “strategic” road will curve its way right through the centre of new housing from the A413 (opposite what is now called Buckingham Park) to the A418 in Bierton at a **set of traffic lights adjacent to the allotments and broadly opposite numbers 57-61 Aylesbury Road.**

**Other than via this last minute letter, this aggressive timetable leaves little time to coordinate our immediate efforts to demonstrate to AVDC (and possibly a planning inspector) what we - and they - already know - ie that local residents will wish to oppose this latest threat. Please overcome your frustration - which we yet again share – and without delay, send your letters and emails to AVDC. Many of the major reasons why this half baked planning application should be refused are set out overleaf. If you have the facility, you can download and use these reasons from** [**www.biertonvillage.org.uk**](http://www.biertonvillage.org.uk) **without re-typing. We need to make a real impact, please don’t leave writing to someone else! Thank you.**