

## LOSRA Says...

From time to time, it's inevitable than an unwelcome tension between our Council and its residents comes to the surface; and it's not difficult to see why. On the one hand the Local Authority is under enormous pressure to make ends meet in a climate of scarce resources, whilst at the same time trying to satisfy seemingly endless and competing demands. It can't be easy. On the other hand, and without wishing to be perceived as if at perma-war with our Council, we must not shy from holding them democratically accountable for major decisions.

Residents will be aware from recent extensive publicity both in our latest newsletters and on our Website, that proposals for a massive housing development on 70 acres of Green Belt land at Kempton Park is under active consideration. We accept that pre-application discussions between a landowner (in this case, the Jockey Club), potential developers and the Council are confidential but the community has a right to know whether the Council - as in this case, a collusive interested party - supports a course of action which flies in the face of its own planning policies, no matter how seductive for the Council's balance sheet that course of action promises to be.

A campaign group, headed up by one of our members, is currently keeping a very close watch on proceedings and has circulated a number of updates on what has been discovered. To keep up-to-date, log on to the LOSRA Website: [www.losra.org](http://www.losra.org) and click on the button 'Keep Kempton Green' at the top of the Home Page.

