

urban gravesham

The Civic Society for Gravesend & Northfleet

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newsletter

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Heritage Quarter

As you will probably know by now, in April, at a packed meeting in the Woodville Halls, Gravesham Council voted to defer the Edinburgh House "concrete jungle" planning application. Urban Gravesham welcomes this decision and there is no doubt that the unprecedented local opposition which the scheme attracted has been a major factor in forcing Edinburgh House onto the back foot. Many thanks to everyone who signed petitions, wrote letters to the press, Council and M.P. and turned up in such numbers to that crucial meeting, it shows how much we can achieve with the active support of Gravesend people.

Edinburgh House have now decided to resubmit their application and although we do not know exactly when this will be, it could be relatively soon. Without opposition and without any alternative ideas it is likely that Edinburgh House will simply submit a scheme which is similar in design to the original plan but on a slightly reduced scale. We do not believe that this would be

Town Green Public Inquiry

This took place over five days in May. Urban Gravesham's application to have St. Andrew's Riverside Gardens registered as a Town Green, which would preserve the Gardens as an open space forever, was opposed by Gravesham Borough Council and Edinburgh House who employed a top QC and private solicitors to argue their case. We would like to thank all those who gave statements in support and particularly those who appeared at the Inquiry as witnesses – a very good job was done by everyone involved. We now await the recommendation of the Inspector which is not likely to be given for between three and six months, the KCC will then make a decision.

acceptable or in the best interest of our town's future. Urban Gravesham is therefore taking the initiative by launching a campaign for A Positive Plan for Gravesend which we hope may influence our elected representatives to fully consult with the local community for a Heritage Quarter regeneration scheme which reflects the unique historic character of Gravesend riverside. Enclosed is a leaflet explaining the campaign and also a copy of two format letters which can be filled in and returned in the pre-paid envelope and they will be collected and passed on.

Anyone wishing to help deliver leaflets, collect letters or otherwise help the campaign, please contact us via the website www.urbangravesham.org or phone **01474 566701**

A positive plan for Gravesend's historic riverside

Renewal of Membership

If you think we are doing a good job in campaigning, please, please continue to support us. The more members we have, the more credibility we have with the Council and developers. Our campaigns also cost money! Subscription is £5 per annum, due on the 1st of April. Can anyone who has not done so already, please complete the enclosed direct debit form & return in the enclosed pre-paid addressed envelope. If you want to make a further donation to help our campaigns, we would be delighted. Please make out any cheques to Urban Gravesham.

Once again - thank you for your support.

Urban Gravesham meets every Monday at 8pm in the back room of The Three Daws pub, Town Pier, Gravesend.

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