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Costs continue to escalate

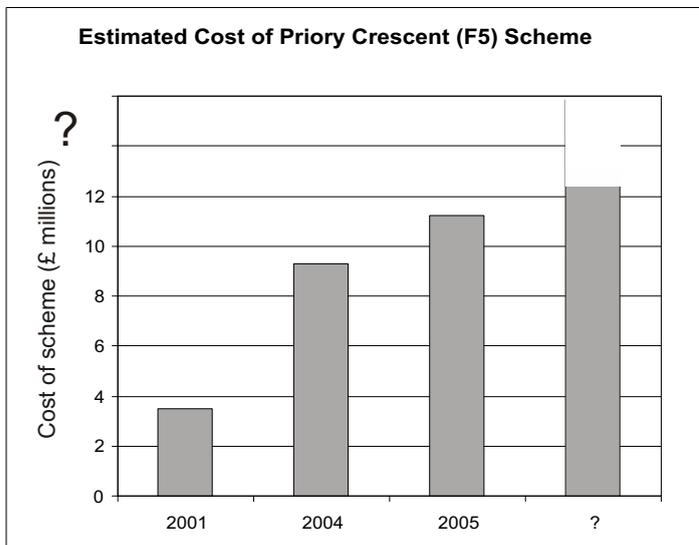
This latest newsletter is to let you know that, although the Public Inquiry went against us, the fight is not yet over.

The Inspector's decision approved the Council's plan to build the dual carriageway and gave them permission to carry out the Compulsory Purchase orders on the commercial land (Aldi, Lookers etc). However, the Public Inquiry has not given Southend Borough Council the extra money they need to do the work!

The Public Inquiry was organised by the Government Offices North-East(GO-NE), whose Local Authority Orders Section deals with all CPOs. Approval for the finances needed (at least an extra £7m) comes from a different Government Office - GO-East. For this to happen, SBC has to prepare a case for the extra money (this will take several months) then GO-East will have to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State. This will take more time still.

Meanwhile, we can still protest to GO-East. The new Transport Secretary's decision on funding will be based upon their advice. The PPPS Committee intends to press for a meeting with him/her as soon as possible after the Election and the spiralling costs of the Council's plan will be key to our case.

The appalling truth is that the costs of this half-baked scheme continue to escalate. The graph below illustrates this point:-



The Committee will write to GO-East stressing that the final costs are likely to be unjustifiable in terms of what the scheme seeks to achieve. The Council's own data indicate that the scheme only satisfies projected traffic

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Anglo Saxon king discovered in the Strubben
The Gig at Club Ego on 10th Jan was a huge success - see the photos
Read the Minutes of the AGM
The Council's Side Roads Order
The Council's Compulsory Purchase Notice from the Evening Echo, 8th May

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(Since 20th Jul 2001)



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growth until 2020. It is disgraceful that the Council is prepared to sacrifice a site rich in history and archaeology, as well as wildlife and trees, for such a short-term solution.

It is worth remembering that the Council originally assured us that this scheme was nothing whatsoever to do with housing development to the east of the Town. We now know otherwise: "Thames Gateway" was a key reason given at the Public Inquiry for the implementation of this scheme.

Futhermore, Tony Blair is constantly reminding us that Global Warming is the biggest threat to the planet. GO-East needs to be reminded of this. Perhaps they also need to be reminded of the consequences, one of which is that every one of the houses built on the floodplain near Shoebury is likely to be under several feet of water within the lifetime of the first purchase who is certain to face massively increased insurance costs.

Please write, incorporating as much as possible of the above, to:

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Dear Member,

Please accept this letter as notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Priory Park Preservation Society. This will be at Temple Sutton Primary School, Eastern Avenue, on Tuesday 24th May beginning at 8.00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman' Report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Election of Officers (maximum 10) showing current post holder
 - a) Chairman (Peter Walker)
 - b) Secretary (Denis Walker)
 - c) Treasurer (Michael Downer)
 - d) Media / Campaign Officer
 - e) Membership Secretary
 - f) Events Secretary
 - g) Ex-officio (Alex Bunn, Jon Fuller, Val Cooke, Michael Conway)
5. Any other business

Yours sincerely,

Peter Walker
Chairman, PPPS