

LETTERS AND COMMENT

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I expect new man to back our fight

Ron Jeffries, chairman, Aldborough Hatch Defence Association, Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North, writes:

Residents in Aldborough ward will join with me in congratulating Cllr John Howard on his appointment as cabinet member for the environment and sustainability, (Four changes in Labour's mid-term cabinet reshuffle, Recorder, last week).

Responsible for the environment, I am certain that Cllr Howard will continue to give his unequivocal support to the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association (AHDA) in our fight to stop further sand and gravel extraction in Aldborough Hatch – our much-prized bit of countryside on our doorsteps, enjoyed by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and families from all over the borough and further afield.

Cllr Howard and his fellow ward councillors, Wes Streeting and Debbie Kaur-Thiera, made clear at the AHDA AGM last November that they would give their unconditional support to our Enough is Enough campaign and I doubt that will change now. We call on Cllr Howard, in his new role, and our ward councillors to persuade their colleagues to do likewise and reject the planning application for extraction on Aldborough Hatch Farm which is now with the Council.