

WYE with HINXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Parishioner,

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WYE FUTURE GROUP

Following the public meeting on Monday 9th January 2006, it has become even clearer that there is a need for the Parish Council to engage with Imperial College on behalf of the community. The first priority must be to ascertain from Imperial the true scope of the proposed project. Only then can the Council advise parishioners of its full implications, seek constructive feedback from you and decide on a way forward.

Most of us are very concerned about the nature of Imperial's 'Vision', and many of you would like to be involved. We know that the village includes many people with special knowledge and expertise that would be useful in any dealings with Imperial. The Parish Council is therefore seeking to establish a "pool" of people to help, on a purely voluntary basis, in dealing with the challenges raised by Imperial College's "Vision for Wye College". It is hoped that this "pool" will include those with special interest and/or expertise in the following areas:-

- The environment in general
 - Community development issues
 - Conservation of the built heritage
 - Rural and countryside conservation and development
 - Planning law, local plans and planning procedures
 - Road building and related infrastructure
 - Water supply and foul water treatment
 - Public relations and public enquiry management
 - Publicity
 - Large scale construction projects
- as well as energetic volunteers who can
- Be proactive at short notice to changes in events
 - Think critically
 - Attend and record meetings
 - Organise and archive information
 - Help draft letters, information sheets and pamphlets
 - Get ideas across through other media
 - Gather press and other information
 - General support work

It is envisaged that this "pool" will be headed and managed by a small group of people (Wye Future Group), separate from, but including, some members of the Parish Council. The group will work alongside the Parish Council providing direct input and support.

We appreciate that people lead busy lives, with little time for extra activities, but if everyone could commit a little time to this project then the Parish Council will be able to work for Wye, in the face of the enormous challenge set by Imperial College, in a well-informed and responsible way. If we, as a village, don't pull together and pool our time, knowledge and expertise, then we lose all chance to do anything meaningful.

If you are interested in helping in any way, and especially in taking a leading role, then please let us know by leaving your name, phone number, and your email address (if you have one) with Jenny Oram (Parish Clerk), John Hodder (Chairman), a Parish Councillor (a list of Councillors is posted on the council notice boards) or at Wye News.

John Hodder