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The planning officer has recommended approval of the application to the Development Control Committee.

THE HEARING IS ON JULY 2ND AT 10AM AT THE OLIVE BOWL ON THE BRICKFIELDS BUSINESS PARK IN GILLINGHAM.

It is essential that as many members of the public attend the hearing as possible to show the strength of feeling against this application and recommendation.

If possible, be there at 9am to show the strength of feeling, bring your banners, posters etc so that we can make a dignified but strong protest!

You should try to take your seats in the venue by 9.30am, the running order of the hearing is shown on this website under the 'Protocol' link – be there at the beginning even if you cannot stay for all of it.

If you want to speak at the hearing, you must already have made representations in the past to NDDC eg by letter or email to object or support the application. To register that you wish to speak, contact Sandra Deary at NDDC on 01258 484370 ***as soon as possible***. When you arrive at the Olive Bowl on the day, you must confirm to the NDDC representative that you are there and still wish to speak. The Chairman of the hearing will apply the speaking time limit strictly, so check your timing in advance.

It would be helpful to know the particular issue you are focusing on so that we can ensure that there is not too much repetition of the same point, it is better to keep it simple and not try to cover too much. Would you let Dee know either by email or 'phone, just the

issue, not what you will be saying, this way we can try to ensure we do not miss anything:

Email:d.worlock@btinternet.com or 01747 850739 (the answering machine is checked at least twice daily).

If you want to read the full report of the planning officer's recommendations – it runs to 106 pages – go to the NDDC website and check under agendas. A hard copy should also be available to read at the NDDC office at Nordon, Blandford. The 'phone number for NDDC is 01258 454111.

REMEMBER, THIS IS NOT A 'DONE DEAL', OUR COUNCILLORS WHO REPRESENT ALL OUR INTERESTS HAVE THE FINAL SAY. TURN UP ON THE DAY AND SHOW THEM HOW MUCH YOU CARE.