

PROTECT OUR ANCIENT RIDDLEDOWN WOODLAND.....MITCHLEY WOOD



The Green Belt land to the south of Mitchley Hill, surrounding and including **Mitchley Wood**, has been sold. The buyer, a speculative property company, is now selling the land in both large and small plots.

Current Green Belt legislation prevents building development. The 20 acres of Mitchley Wood, classed as 'Ancient Woodland' are now protected by a Tree Preservation Order and an Article 4. Both these orders place further restrictions on use of the land.

However, activities such as paint-balling, clay pigeon shooting and mini-motorbiking could occur. Access by travellers is also a possibility, particularly if the land becomes derelict.

Eventual pressure to relax Green Belt legislation might bring housing. Did you realise that applications were refused in 1955, 1969, 1971, 1973 and 1974?

Today in 2006, development once again threatens the beauty and character of the area, property prices and everything we now take for granted.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

WE SHOULD BUY MITCHLEY WOOD

The Committee of the Riddlesdown Residents' Association believes that no longer can we sit back and rely on planning legislation to protect Riddlesdown Green Belt.

Mitchley Wood could be purchased by the community and gifted to the City of London for them to preserve as part of the Common.

We think that, in association with like-minded organisations and with your generous help, we have the opportunity to do this.

If each household were to contribute in the region of £50, an acceptable bid could be made.

This is an opportunity unlikely to be repeated.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SLIP BELOW IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED

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To: Brian Longman (Chair RRA) 66 Westfield Ave, CR2 9JU, or John Rapp, (Membership RRA), 37 Buttermere Gardens, CR8 1EJ or deliver to Wessons, Post Office, Lower Barn Road, or Saban's Newsagents, Mitchley Avenue.

I attach a cheque payable to **RRA Woodlands and Countryside Appeal**

for an amount of £25 £50 Other £ Your name:

Address:

Telephone No:.....Email address:.....

Anyone wishing to pledge or donate a large amount may wish to talk first to the RRA Chair (8657 8374).

If the bid is unsuccessful, I agree that my contributions may be held and used by the Association for future campaigns to protect the Green Belt of Riddlesdown:

YES NO Signature:
Date:

**THIS IS URGENT.
PLEASE RESPOND QUICKLY**