



# Wye Future Group

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## IMPERIAL COLLEGE'S 'VISION FOR WYE'

You will no doubt be aware of the new £1 billion world-class scientific research, manufacturing and housing development planned for Wye and surrounding farmland in our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Imperial College have stated that their scheme is 'all or nothing'.

In February we formed Wye Future Group independently of Wye Parish Council (but intending to liaise with them in the future) to represent the interests of all those in Wye and the surrounding parishes who believe the size of Imperial College's scheme is unacceptable.

Wye Future Group is a dynamic group which intends using a wide range of skills offered by experts in public relations and the media, environmental and planning issues, the law, information technology and fund raising. We now have well over seventy volunteers willing to bring their varied abilities, knowledge and experience free of charge to the Group.

To ensure effectiveness we have formed ourselves into three groups, each of which is meeting regularly. The groups are Community & Fund-Raising; Planning, Infrastructure & Environment; and Politics, Communications & Public Relations (including Legal).

This letter is from the Community & Fund Raising Group, whose role is to keep the community informed, collect feedback and raise funds. We are planning a Launch Day on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April to raise community awareness and optimise the opportunity for publicity – watch out for details. We are already seeking donations and will organise future fund-raising events needed to finance our objectives.

Unless their plans are quickly rejected by the planning authorities or Imperial College substantially reduce the scale of their intentions, we anticipate a long and difficult fight. We will very likely need funds to hire professionals to provide advice and represent us in due course. If you wish to make a donation please use the tear-off slip below – and we would be very pleased if you would like to join Wye Future Group.

We welcome any ideas, proposals or offers of support to help us achieve our objectives over this huge development which will change Wye and this whole locality forever! Please 'phone or drop them into either Wye News opposite Wye Parish Church, or Ticketyboo in Bridge Street.

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Donation enclosed of £..... (Cheques to 'Wye Future Group') Would you like to join WFG? YES / NO

Name & Address ..... Tel. No. ....