

Possible Solutions

1. Tyting Farm should not be sold. It should be retained in council ownership. There are no property assets more worth retaining in council ownership than Tyting and South Warren Farm. If the Council do not have the estate management skills they should outsource. Surrey Wildlife Trust for instance has the expertise.

2. Tyting Farm can be let to interested responsible farmers who will maintain the land and landscape. There are several local farmers willing to do this.

3. It may be necessary to provide a modest grant to repair the deterioration of the land and buildings caused whilst in the ownership of the Council.

4. There has been no proper consultation and the decision to sell was made without investigating many farmers' interest or even stewardship grants available to maintain viability. The farm can be viable when farmed with others, contradicting the Council's representations that the farm is unviable. A fully considered and soundly based solution should be identified.

The decision to sell this farm and buildings for urbanisation should not be rushed through by the Council Executive at their Committee Meeting on 6th April 2006. It should be considered by a full Council Meeting to which members of the public should be invited.

Lodge an Objection

Write to:

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Tyting Farm is an absolutely crucial part of the landscape of the North Downs.

It forms the setting for St Martha's Hill and is an integral part of the swathe of agricultural landscape which stretches from Pewley Downs, Guildford to Newlands Corner and beyond to the east.

It is arguably the most walked and visited open space in Surrey and is Guildford's premier open space.

Guildford Borough Council is intending to sell a key part, Tyting Farm, in six lots at prices to exclude agricultural use. The buyers and users are likely to be urban not agricultural. With the farm broken up and fragmented to urban owners the landscape is likely to be destroyed.

A number of farmers have expressed interest in farming Tyting Farm but they cannot buy the farm at speculators prices. Neither home owners nor developers can be relied on to have the knowledge or will to protect the agricultural nature of the landscape.

The more the land deteriorates the more alternative uses become acceptable to the planners, in fact the Guildford Borough Council are proposing clauses in any sale to share in development value.

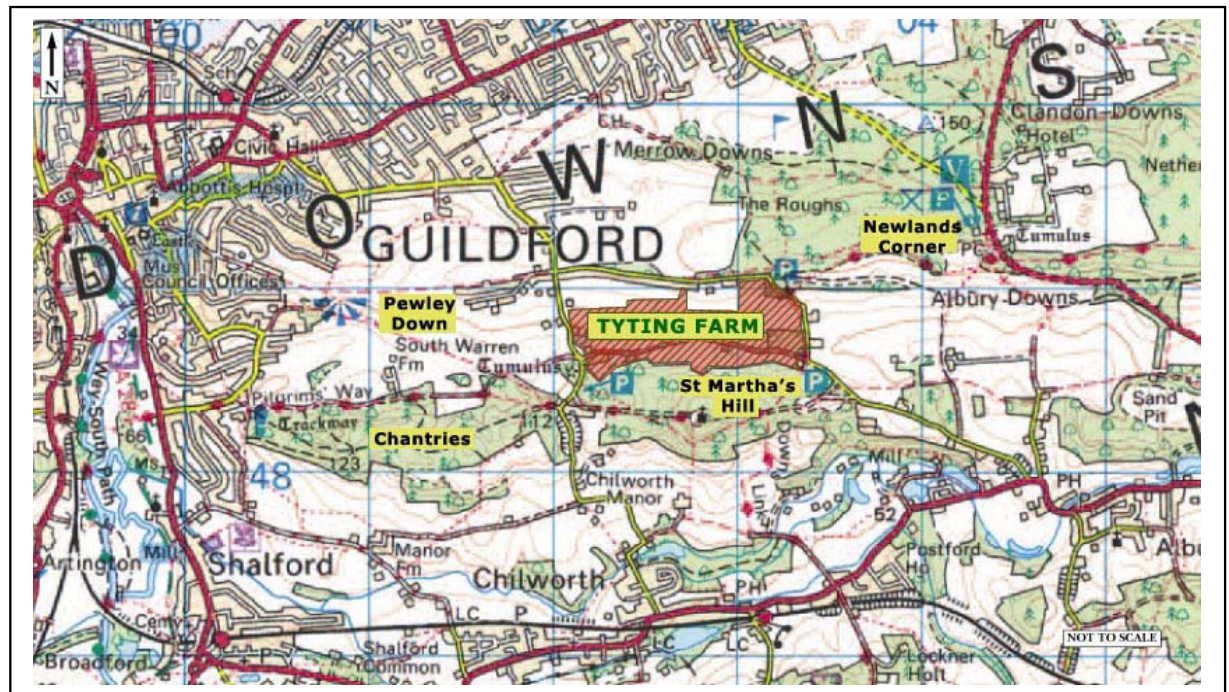
The officers and politicians pay lip service to protecting green belt but press ahead

with what may be a catastrophic disposal for what is classified as an "area of outstanding natural beauty" and an "area of great landscape value".

Do the residents of Guildford and Surrey really want this to happen?

Is South Warren Farm next?

The map below shows the south east corner of Guildford with Tyting Farm in the centre of this important landscape.



What can I do?

The Save Tyting Farm group would like anyone who walks, rides or just visits the area and values the Green Belt and Surrey Hills to write and protest to David Williams, Chief Executive of the Guildford Borough Council (see overleaf), your MP, your local councillors both GBC and SCC, and the Surrey Advertiser.

The farm should be kept in Council ownership and in agricultural use to protect the landscape as it is. It should not be fragmented and sold off.

Write, email and telephone **TODAY**.

Time is short.