

## SEPTEMBER - STILL AT WARREN FARM?

### LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Our anticipated departure from Warren Farm has not yet happened! The latest information from LBE suggests that the redevelopment works may be delayed until late September or early October. There may be more information forthcoming at the Norwood Green Ward Forum on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, however your editor may be unable to attend following a recent medical issue. Others have been asked to make notes and keep us informed.

There has been no further progress on our proposal for moving to a new site, however no progress is better than an outright rejection. We can, of course, make do with the very restricted area at Rectory Park. We understand that Ken Stanbury has already flown there.

### DOUBLE TROUBLE

Members will have seen Paul's scratch-built twin-motor, twin-boom sports model. He has recently been experimenting with an electric ducted fan (EDF) mounted below the wing centre section, however flight trials were brought to a halt when the existing electric motors began to work loose after even a short flight, resulting in a lot of vibration. No amount of tightening the screws helped.

The initial diagnosis was that the mounting fixings were compressing the plywood firewall, so major works seemed necessary, however dismantling the motors revealed a shock – both of the metal motor mounts had fractured in several places.

Replacing the mounts seemed like a logistical nightmare. If new mounts, matching those supplied with the motors could not be found, then they would have to be hand-made from Paxolin or Fibreglass sheet.

Fortunately, the guys at 4-Max came to the rescue. Their website lists a number of mounts, with a chart giving all of their dimensions. One of these mounts fitted the bill perfectly, and were soon on their way for the princely sum of £6 the pair, plus £3.99 delivery.



They have also been able to supply a more powerful EDF to replace the unit currently on trials, which does not seem able to provide enough thrust even to taxi the model.

### AND FINALLY

We may only have a few weeks left at Warren Farm, so we need to make the most of them. Sadly, the weather forecast is not very encouraging, with winds blowing across the runway much of the time, however many of us have models which can land safely across the 40m runway width. It will be good practice for the restricted area at Rectory Park.