

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE from the Parish Council meeting on 4th August 2020

URGENT PLANNING ISSUE

The Parish Council became aware of a planning matter of great concern. Unfortunately a developer has identified some empty offices on the Hawker Business Park (formerly Cooper Bussman) the access to which is off Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds and proposes to convert them into 91 residential units consisting of 75 Studio flats and 16 one bedroom flats. This is not a normal planning application as it falls within changes made to planning legislation in 2013 and 2016 to allow such changes of use under permitted development. This means they don't need planning permission to make this change of use.

There are only a limited number of issues that the Borough Council is required to consider in reviewing this application: (1) Transport and highway impacts of the development, (2) Contamination risk on the site, (3) Flooding risk on the site, (4) Noise impact of the development and (5) The provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwelling house.

The Parish Council believe that this development is wholly inappropriate in an open countryside setting and would have a very damaging impact on the village and has engaged a solicitor to assist with the legal arguments. They have advised that item number (1) the lack of transport, the potential for hundreds of additional car journeys, etc. is the significant and important issue to concentrate on. **We urge you to challenge this proposal in the interests of your village.**

To view the full application, type the following into your internet browser:

<http://portal.charnwood.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorerAA/ApplicationSearch.aspx>

then input application number [P/20/1171/2](#) into the search box.

All comments should be submitted by Tuesday 11th August to:

Richard.Bennett@Charnwood.gov.uk , Head of planning and Regeneration Services

Steven.Holmes@Charnwood.gov.uk , Case Officer, Development Control

You may also wish to raise your concerns about this legislation with our MP: jane.hunt.mp@parliament.uk

DOG FOULING

We regularly receive reports of dog excrement on the footpaths, playing field and around the plantation. Your Parish Council is determined to bring those responsible for the problem to account so that the Borough Council can initiate legal proceedings which can lead to a fine and embarrassing publicity.

Responsible dog owners and other residents are encouraged to report anyone not scooping the poop to Charnwood Borough Council on 01509 634564 or online www.charnwood.gov.uk/dogfoulingfaq.

If you are in control of a dog you are fully responsible and there are no excuses.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 7.30 p.m. unless advised otherwise. There is a 15 minute section at each Parish Council meeting where you are welcome to speak if you have any questions or comments.

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