

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT RECEIVED 6TH JUNE 2022 AHEAD OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, FROM CLLR LOUISE POTTER.

Apologies that Matt and I cannot attend this evening. Please find our report below.

1. Matt and I met with the developers/providers of the new Wellcross Grange development last week - they are in the process of submitting a reserved matters application for the first phase of the development, which will include the Village Centre building intended to be the hub for their on-site communal services and facilities, as well as 48 apartments, cottages and bungalows. This link is to the online feedback form and consultation material:-

<https://www.inspiredvillages.co.uk/village/broadbridge-heath>

The developers are very keen to engage with the parish council as part of the process and to build a relationship going forward and I said that I would pass this on, should you wish to meet with them or have them along to a future meeting. Matthew Porter is the HDC planning officer overseeing this development and he can also be contacted with any questions.

1. The school continues to be a key concern for us. You will be aware that we were recently informed that the deadline for the transfer from Countryside to WSCC is this August - rather than next August as previously thought. Given the deadlock situation between Countryside and WSCC, this is extremely concerning. We have contacted Cllr. Christian Mitchell and Cllr. Nigel Jupp (Cab member for Education at WSCC) to ask for their support - both are looking into the current situation and will report back asap. We are aware that Jeremy Quin is also now involved. HDC officers are liaising with WSCC officers to try and get some movement on this. We will keep you informed.
1. At the last meeting, the new planning application (DC/22/0779) for the previously approved application for 89-91 Corsletts Avenue, was brought up. Since then, Matt contacted the planning case officer to ask the following questions:
 1. *Given that the amendment seeks to alter something with water and waste, how does this work with the water neutrality situation?*
 2. *As there is quite a change to plot 2, at what point does this stop being an amendment and start requiring a new application, as several residents have raised? What criteria will this be judged against?*

The planning office responded with the following:

1. ***As this is a section 73 planning application to an extant planning permission (which could be built out in its own right), water neutrality is not required to be demonstrated***
2. ***A section 73 application is the correct procedure for the applicants to go down. They had previously attempted a non-material amendment, which we refused for that very same reason.***
 - ***A S73 application is assessed against the same criteria as a planning application***

As we have received more than 8 letters of representation contrary to my recommendation to approve the proposal, the application will be taken to the next available committee (July).

If there are further questions on this application then Robert Hermitage at HDC can be contacted.

1. At the recent AGM for Horsham District Council, Cllr. Kate Rowbottom was elected as the new chairman and Cllr. Ian Stannard was elected as her deputy.