

Bromley

Bulletin

Potential Development of 80 Homes on Ashbrook Lane

As many of you will be aware developer, Hallam Land Management, is seeking to build 80 new homes on land just off Ashbrook Lane. Hallam's draft plans include provision of up to 80 new homes and it is envisaged that the scheme will include 2,3 and 4 bed properties.

At a meeting and presentation held by the developers at the Crown Inn on Monday, 23rd March it was evident that the vast majority of those that attended were opposed to the scheme. There was also further evidence of this opposition at the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 25th March, which saw the highest turn out at a PC meeting for some years.

To summarise, the main concerns raised at these meetings and also directly to councillors by members of the public include:-

- Size of development is inappropriate for this size of village, an increase of 10% in housing.
- Concerns over the vast increase in volume of traffic on Ashbrook Lane, a road that already struggles to cope with the weight and speed of traffic currently using it.
- The impact of increased traffic on the village and the conservation area.
- The development is unsustainable as the village has a limited provision of shopping facilities, no Post Office and poor public transport.
- Location inconsistent with the linear design of the village.
- The number of homes is far in excess of those outlined in the draft ESBC local plan.
- Questions were raised over whether the school and surgery will cope with the increase in population.

As yet the Parish Council has not received notification from anyone in the village in favour of this development.

Although an application has not yet been submitted by the developer we are sure that it will be very soon. In the meantime the Parish Council is taking steps to gather as much information as possible to help support objections to this development. Despite the reluctance of ESBC Planning department, the PC is endeavouring to set up a meeting with the Planners.

Any updates on this development will be posted on the village website www.abbotsbromley.com and will also be provided at Parish Council meetings.

PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 29th April
- ◆ 20th May

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays

in Church House

- ◆ 16th May

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Parish Assembly

This year the Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday, **22nd April** at the Village Hall.

This is an opportunity to come along and hear what has been happening in the Parish over the past twelve months. You can also ask questions or raise matters of concern or interest with the Parish Council.

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Abbots Bromley Conservation Area Review

Throughout February and March, ESBC has been carrying out a consultation in to the review of the Abbots Bromley Conservation Area. Due to the short length of time that the PC had to respond on this an extension for feedback was requested and granted. This allowed for an open forum meeting to be held in the Village Hall. This meeting was well attended and residents raised some concerns over the contents of the document as it stands and made suggestions as to what could be included to make it more robust, up-to-date and useful in the future. The following points were raised at the meeting and via correspondence to the Parish Council.

- Inclusion of errors in the document, in particular incorrect house names, wrong use of images and property owners names out of date..
- ‘Off’ the Peg’ building designs being allowed within the conservation area and also on the approach to it.
- Stronger enforcement of the guidelines set out in the document including the use of specific building materials.
- The negative impact traffic volume was having on the conservation area.
- No mention of the timber industry in the village within the document.
- The Conservation Area boundary has not developed over time and has remained unchanged since 1969, not keeping pace with the pressures of development. Residents and Parish Councillors felt there was a strong argument to extend this boundary to encompass parts of Goose Lane up to Yeatsall Lane, Uttoxeter Road, and extending School House Lane further up Woodmill Lane and also including the fields to the west of Bagots View.

The Parish Council has now responded to this consultation and taken in to consideration the above comments. However the PC would like to reassure anyone living in the above areas of the village that any amendments to the Conservation Area boundary will need to undergo a further consultation with residents and this will be carried out by ESBC. A full copy of the Parish Council’s response can be requested from the Clerk.

ROAD SAFETY

Road safety continues to be a concern in the village. The Parish Council receives many complaints about dangerous and inconsiderate parking, speeding vehicles and drivers using mobile phones. The PC is now working closely with the police to improve the situation, however, there are few steps that all residents can take to help as follows:-

- Please do not park near to a junction, either opposite or within 10 metres of it. Junctions where this happens regularly include Paget Rise and Ashbrook Lane. Please advise visitors to your property as well.
- If parking with one wheel on the pavement please ensure that the pavement is wide enough to allow for this. Pedestrians with buggies or those in wheelchairs need to be able to use the footpath. This is particularly evident opposite Ashbrook Lane, outside the Goats Head and near the Almshouses.
- Report any experience of dangerous driving, use of mobile phones etc to the police. We know that these incidences happen but are often not reported.

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Other useful numbers

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0300 111 8000

ESBC waste management: To report full

re-cycling bins at Schoolhouse Lane: 0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling): 01283 508576

PC Richard Boulter 0300 123 2345 04407

ESBC Planning Enquiries: 01283 508570

Police: All non emergency calls: 101

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