

NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Beauty is in the eye of the villager!

Hopefully you will all have seen the big improvement, particularly to the areas around the trees at the Aries House parade of shops in the centre of the village.

The Resident's Association has been pleased to provide the materials and plants as part of our campaign this year to 'beautify' the appearance of the village, however a huge thank you must go to Jeff Herschel (Chair of Chepping Wycombe Parish Council and a village resident) for his tremendous effort in not only doing considerable work himself but also in securing the services of the 'Community Payback Team' in providing labour for this venture.



The Magpie Development

Those of you who submitted representations regarding the proposed 'Magpie' development should have received notification from WDC that Michael Shanly Homes have submitted an appeal on grounds of 'Non-Determination' and inviting any further comments to be made directly to 'The Inspectorate' whose decision will be final. We are however continuing to monitor the situation and during the week prior to writing this article have advised 'Highways' of the condition the contractors working on site have left the public pavement in, also of the encroachment onto it of fencing and the draping of this with netting obscuring visibility for those wishing to cross the road to Magpie Close. We have also contacted the Planning Department with concerns regarding the trenching work causing these problems.

Babs Park

The Inspector adjourned the Babs Park enquiry at the behest of WDC to allow further time for reconsideration and enforcement action. It is thought this will not resume until sometime in 2010.

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Imagine the Future 5

A big thank you to my team for giving up their valuable time to consider 'Imagine the Future 5' and also to those of you who contacted me directly. We looked at the specific questions raised in the document concerning Flackwell Heath and concentrated on those as the document was so wide ranging. Our submission contained the following:

- All possible Brownfield sites should be explored and developed before encroaching on Greenfield sites.
- Villagers wish to retain Greenfield sites keeping Flackwell Heath a separate identity from High Wycombe.
- Concern that Greenfield sites had previously been regarded as 'safeguarded' but now it appears this is not the case.
- Present traffic issues should be resolved before any further development occurs.
- Consideration should be given to development in the North of the district to save Greenfield sites in the South.
- Before any development the necessary infrastructure should be in place.
- Minor improvements to Winchbottom Lane would have little effect on traffic issues.
- None of the proposed road improvements would really address the issue of traffic going to the North and East of the proposed Daws Hill/Abbey Barn developments.
- Folk will not use public transport unless it is made the more attractive alternative to private transport. It would need to be frequent and the cost nominal, probably free.

We concluded that in general the High Wycombe area is not big enough nor equipped enough to deal with the traffic problems which developments of the sizes proposed in the document will cause. We also asked WDC to keep us updated on developments from this document and received acknowledgement of this so will keep you posted on relevant matters as we hear about them.

Keep your comments coming!

Lastly thanks to those who have contacted me since our last article, it is good to hear from you and to try to help you or to put you in touch with those who can.

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