

Public Meeting held on Tuesday 21 April 2016 to discuss the proposal of Richborough Estates to build 80 houses on land off Weston Road. Land Ref S0062

Representatives from both parish councils were there:-

Edward Hicklin and Steve Graham, Jean Longley, Tony Hurrell, Helen Cope, Catherine Alberts (Aston PC) and Ed Green and Avril Record (Weston PC) along with Hilary Coyle, South Derbyshire District Councillor and Rob Davison Derbyshire County Councillor.

132 Villagers from both parishes attended.

Everyone who attended the meeting is against the build, and it was agreed that as much information would be made available to locals via a Facebook site Aton/Weston proposed developments, parish councils website and hopefully hard copies in the local public houses or shops.

During the discussions it was agreed to list and make available the main objections for individuals to raise with the South Derbyshire District Council by letter or email, and also provide a list of contacts (see end of minutes)

Questions /points raised in the meeting

Everyone needs to contact the council with your objections either by letter or email. Each letter should be individual as identical letters received will be classed as 1 objection. Don't list the objections in the same order for each letter sent.

Once the planning application goes to the committee, letters will need to be re-sent listing the objections again, the more letters received against the build the more the council should take note.

Currently the local plan part 1 has not been adopted and the councils are working on the adopted local plan of 1998 so not all existing buildings are shown.

The planning committee look at each planning application individually so will not include Richmond Homes and the additional 77 houses already being built, so this will not be a viable point to raise with the council

Richborough are intending to put on a planning application however they will then sell on the plot and permission so the proposed build they presented to the villagers will not necessarily be the one used.

MP Heather Wheeler along with Aston and Weston Parish councils, Hilary Coyle and Rob Davison have expressed concerns over the build and have said they are not in favour of it, although they have no sway over the planning committee.

In the Pre-election Tory manifesto they stated they were against building on green field sites.(These are different from green belt sites) Land ref S0062 is a green field site.

Sharon Bowler and Michelle Mason have done a lot of research prior to the meeting trying to find out as much information as possible, Thank you to both ladies for this, also Michelle and Elaine Upton have spent a lot of time and energy printing and delivering leaflets to as many houses with in both parishes informing people of this meeting again our thanks for all your hard work.

Ideas for objections, followed by :-

Traffic Issues – although surveys have taken place in the past there is the development currently being built to be taken into consideration. Richmond homes are making 324 car parking spaces available within their site as well as those for the 77 houses after completion –(info from Richmond homes application on SDDC website) There are also the staff car parking requirements as well.

The no.73 Bus Service is under threat and may cease to exist this will mean more cars on the roads.

Cars travelling through Weston to join the A514 will impact on the junction at Cuttlebridge Cottage, which in turn will be impacted on by the new housing at Chellaston causing more traffic congestion and in turn pollution

The same for Cars traveling from Aston to join the A6

Developments already unsustainable in Aston – Richmond homes site and 77 additional houses

Village infrastructure-Primary schools within the villages are full and cannot extend. Chellaston Academy is also full to capacity The Doctors surgery , which has limited opening hours is also full to capacity and parking within the cul-de-sac for the surgery is getting worse. Traffic trying to leave Aston village at 7:30am onwards towards the A6 is more congested.

Wildlife / Countryside - Long Walk wood is a protected conservation site (order no 45) and the wildlife including Bats will be blighted by this development

Settlement Boundary- This is the most important objection- the proximity of the site and that it is closing the gap between Weston and Aston. It states in the Local Plans that the individuality / identity of a village should be preserved

Objections to the Development of Land at Aston Village in Weston Parish

You should write in your own words, as copies of letters or e-mails will not be treated as separate objections.

Please send objections to:

E-mail: planning@south-derbys.gov.uk

Mail: Planning Department, South Derbyshire District Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, DE11 0AH.

Also send copies to:

Cllr Hilary Coyle (South Derbyshire District Council): hilary.coyle@south-derbys.gov.uk

Cllr Rob Davison (Derbyshire County Council): rob.davison@derbyshire.gov.uk

Heather Wheeler MP (South Derbyshire) -
heather.wheeler.mp@parliament.uk

Weston & Aston Parish Councils see address below

Natasha Hyde (Clerk, Aston Parish Council):
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Chris Scott (Clerk, Weston Parish Council): christine.scott1@btinternet.com