

# Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council



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## Update on Proposed Development at Mitton Bank

By now you may have visited one of the two information days held by TFA (Tristan Fitzgerald Associates on behalf of Mactaggart & Mickel and Barratt Homes) on 12th and 17th October, outlining a proposal for 500 new homes in the parish between Bredon's Hardwick and Mitton. These are not part of an official consultation and any comments submitted by residents at this stage will not have a significant bearing on the outcome.

The development site is **not allocated** for future housing in the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP), which together with the recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan, controls development in Bredon Parish. However, Tewkesbury Borough is seeking to include Mitton Bank in its emerging development plan, the Gloucester-Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy (JCS), citing the government's 'duty to cooperate' across borders. The JCS is currently undergoing an *Examination in Public* overseen by a government inspector, and her final report will have a strong bearing on whether this development goes ahead.

As things stand, the TFA proposal is in conflict with the new Neighbourhood Plan, which stipulates that development should be strictly limited to sites allocated under the SWDP. The Parish Council remains strongly opposed to this development, and will be doing everything it can to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is upheld. It believes that any new housing at Mitton should only come forward through a formal review of the SWDP. This is the best way of ensuring that new development is properly integrated with existing infrastructure and services, and that local people are consulted on the alternatives. We will continue to keep parishioners updated as more information becomes available.

## Burglaries in Bredon - Advice

Unfortunately the months have raced by, the clocks have changed, and it is this time of year police forces all over the country see a rise in home burglaries.

West Mercia's message to all residents is to review your home and garden security.

- Leave a light on a timer to give the impression that someone is home.
- Leave a radio on a timer so voices can be heard inside the property.
- Make sure doors are locked even if you are at home.
- If you have a house alarm check that it is working correctly and set it when you go out even for small periods of time.
- Consider fitting outside lights or cameras.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle or garden tools lying about in the garden.
- Secure your shed and fit a shed alarm.
- Register your property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Security mark your property with your postcode in permanent marker or use a property marking system such as Cre Mark or Smartwater.

Check West Mercia's website: [www.westmercia.police.uk/crime-and-safety](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/crime-and-safety)

## Eckington Road Pathway Update

Unfortunately, we heard from our District Councillor that the work to build the new footpath alongside the east side of the Eckington Road, B4080, will be delayed until next year.

### Planning Applications

**The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk).**

For consideration by Wychavon:

**W/17/01798/HP** - 23 Jubilee Drive, Bredon. Single storey rear sun room extension and external alterations. Parish council has made general comments.

**W/17/01941/HP** - Little Claydon, Westmancote, Bredon. Construction of a new single storey rear extension, entrance porch, and new roof to an existing extension. Parish council has made general comments.

**W/17/01802/HP** - 2 Hillview Cottages, Watery Lane, Kinsham. Proposed two storey extension to the rear of the property. Parish council has made general comments.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November*  
takes place in Bredon Village Hall at 7:15pm