

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

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1,000 new houses in our Parish

The South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) is the plan which sets out where development will take place over the coming years. It is currently undergoing a five-yearly review and a new draft plan has been produced called the 'Preferred Options'. This proposes that 1,000 houses & primary school are built at Mitton Bank, the area of high ground between Bredon's Hardwick and Mitton next to the Bredon-Tewkesbury Rd (B4080). Details can be found at www.swdevelopmentplan.org

THE PARISH COUNCIL BELIEVES THIS IS AN UNSUSTAINABLE LOCATION FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF HOUSING FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:-

- The existing road network cannot safely support the amount of traffic generated by 1,000 new houses.
- The site is far from the main employment centres of Gloucester, Cheltenham and Worcester, and longer commuting distances will add to greenhouse emissions.
- Secondary education provision will suffer from to the cross-border location.
- Health & social care will be poorly provided because of the cross-border location.
- The proposed housing would irreparably damage the rural setting of Bredon's Hardwick & Bredon, & key views out of the Cotswolds AONB would be harmed.
- The proposals would increase the risk of downstream flooding.
- Important wildlife habitat will be adversely affected.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

The Parish Council urges you to take part in the Preferred Options consultation. At the last review of the SWDP, the enormous number of responses submitted by Bredon residents tipped the scales. Your voice can make a difference.

An electronic version of the key bullet points above, along with additional detail, can be seen at: www.bredonpc.org.uk/news-events/local-news/

Please take five minutes to copy the key points and send them to:

Email contact@swdevelopmentplan.org **Postal address** SWDP Review Preferred Options Consultation, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT

All comments need to be submitted by 5pm on Monday 16th December 2019

Christmas Tree Sponsors

The Parish Council would like to thank the following people and businesses for their very kind donation towards our first Christmas Tree. The money will be put towards the installation of a real tree and lights:-

Pamington Farm (Jeff Brown); Tewkesbury Garden Centre ((Rachel Gallagher); Greenworks (Adam Gallagher); Hughes Sealey incl. Fine & Country (Craig Hughes); Bredon Village Fish and Chip Shop (Lucy Cox); Total Automotives Ltd (Nathan Cox); Ridgeway Bank Cattery (Marie Handy); Washbourne Builders (Chris Washbourne)

Nottingham Knockers Warning

Residents are warned that "Nottingham Knockers" have been back in the area recently. Their strategy is to cold call your property with a believable back-story about how they are trying to get themselves back on their feet by selling door-to-door. In the past they have introduced themselves as ex-convicts, but the latest examples have been saying that they have recently left military service. They will try to sell you an over-priced item like some dusters, but the real reason for their visit is to research the neighbourhood to identify vulnerable or empty properties. Please be aware & always be careful when opening your door to strangers; if you suspect anyone of this activity please call 101 immediately.



Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/19/02291 - The Cedars, Westmancote. Erection of Replacement Outbuilding. PC has no objection provided conservation officers are satisfied the proposals comply with heritage policies.

W/19/02276 - The Old Rectory, Church Street, Bredon. To regularise works relating to installation of boiler to attic space & external flue. PC has no objection.

W/19/02249 - 18 Cherry Orchard, Bredon. Proposed extensions and alterations to existing domestic dwelling; part demolition of double garage; demolish garden wall and replace with hedge to enclose garden. Variation of condition 4 of 17/01754/HP to amend list of approved drawings. PC has no objection.

W/19/02345 - True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham. Building works & engineering operations have been undertaken in accordance with s56 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 prior to the expiration of the time limit of 3 years attached to Planning Permission W/15/02945 dated 22/09/2016 & therefore planning permission and listed building consent is extant. PC has no objection subject to conservation officer.

Date of Next Meeting(s):

Monday 9th December

and

Monday 13th January

takes place in Bredon Village Hall at 7:15pm

