

Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council

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Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan

On Thursday 11 September 2014, Chaddesley Corbett made history by being the first Parish Council in Worcestershire to complete a Neighbourhood Plan. 81% of those who voted in the Referendum were in favour of the Plan, and Wyre Forest District Council will now have to use the Plan when considering planning applications in the Parish until 2026. Congratulations to you all and many thanks to all those residents and friends who participated in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is part of a wide range of measures devolved to Parish and Town Councils and enables them to have more say in what happens in their area.

Permitted Development Rights

Central Government has also introduced wide ranging reforms to planning laws which allows residents to carry out extensions and changes to their property without the need for a planning application.

Former School Site, The Village



The Parish Council registered a Right to Bid on the former school site in February 2014 and exercised that right in April 2014 in order to ensure that the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan were taken into account. Obviously the Parish Council could not finance a Bid themselves so it was necessary to look for a partner. Over the next six months extensive negotiations took place with possible developers and it was decided that A & H Construction & Developments plc would be our preferred partner, but before we could proceed we had to discuss a possible development proposal with Wyre Forest District Council planners. Finally a design was agreed which met most of the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan, i.e. 1 and 2 bedroomed flats in the old Victorian School, 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed properties and adequate parking at the rear of the site, at the same time providing space for an extension to the burial ground and some adjacent land for public open space.

With all this in place we submitted our Bid, which, although the highest received by the Trust, was rejected because they were unwilling to wait until planning permission had been obtained. A further bid removing the planning condition was submitted and this led to a further round of bids from the two interested parties.

Traffic Feasibility Study Chaddesley Corbett Village

Action 20 of the Neighbourhood Plan states that a Feasibility Study would be commissioned to make our settlements more distinctive and recognizable, with a view to improving driver behavior and appropriate speed control systems. This initial work has now been done and proposals have been submitted to the Parish Council which include a no parking area to facilitate free movement of traffic in the centre of the village, removal of central white lines, coloured tarmac to indicate parking places, planters and gateways at entrance to village and changes to access from from A448.

The next step is to organize a public consultation which will give everyone a chance to express their views.

As regards speed control, initial investigations have indicated that traffic on the A448 and Briar Hill is exceeding the 30 mph speed limit on a regular basis, with an average speed of 37 mph on the A448. We were considering a Community Speed Watch campaign, but it is not considered safe to do so in this location.

In the long term, the Police may carry out a speed enforcement campaign, but in the meantime we will shortly install flashing speed warning signs in various locations around the parish.

By driving within the speed limit yourself you can ensure that traffic behind you has to do the same. The last thing we want is for residents of the Parish to receive speeding tickets!



Severn Trent New Pipeline

For over a century, most of Birmingham's water has been provided for by the Elan Valley Aquaduct which supplies the city with clean water from reservoirs in the Welsh hills. The aqueduct is now over a hundred years old and will require maintenance to keep it in service, which will involve taking it off-line for significant periods.

Severn Trent Water is planning an alternative water supply for Birmingham which involves a new water pipeline linking an abstraction site on the River Severn near Stourport to Frankley Water Treatment Works. Initial plans showing the route of this new pipeline have been out for consultation and the Parish Council has indicated their preferences. The chosen route will be published next year and the works will be completed by March 2020.

22 possible places along the River Severn between Trimpey and Ombesley have been considered and options have been shortlisted.

Whichever route is chosen it is likely to cause inconvenience and disruption to many residents who live in the Harvington to Drayton corridor. The Consultation ends on 12 December 2014 but if you would like to find out more full information this is available on the company website:

stwater.co.uk/brp