

SUBMISSION STATEMENT TO THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

18TH JUNE 2012

SPEAKER: JUDITH CHUBB-WHITTLE

CHAIR OF STANTON DREW & STANTON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

This statement concerns the BaNES proposal to develop the Old Colliery buildings, Stanton Wick.

The 'Call for Sites', was issued on **21st November**, asking the parish council to offer any sites matching prescribed criteria.

We found no appropriate sites because;

- **The parish is washed over green belt and development of traveller sites is 'INAPPROPRIATE IN THE GREEN BELT'**
- **There is no easy access to public transport.**
- **We have no shop.**
- **Doctor & dentist surgeries are 3- 4 miles away, not within 1500m**
- **There are no sites in safe walking distance from the school.**

The PC first became aware the site was listed as 'preferred' for **15 permanent & 5 transit pitches i.e. 60 caravans** on **18th April via email.**

This proposal would **totally overwhelm Stanton Wick by 3:1, contravening Planning policy [March 2012].**

An independent contamination **report 2009/10, states arsenic levels exceed the Residential SGVs and there is much asbestos on site.**

Refusal of previous planning applications were on highways, sustainability & Green Belt grounds, however building of 1 house & ancillary building was approved March 2011.

The PC organised a Public meeting on **2nd May to inform residents of the facts. Over 250 residents attended,** overflowing into the car park.

Almost 100% of my parishioners have signed a petition registering their incredulity that the site scored **17th lowest out of 23' yet becoming top 7th preferred site.**

The site is a SNCI with European Protected species.

The PC give statements at

1. **9th May** Cabinet meeting,
2. **Scrutiny Panel on 15th May.**

3. **11th June Cabinet meeting** , answers to which Cllr Crossley said would be provided in September.
4. Submissions from the PC & parishioners have all received the same answer , that they would be answered at the end of consultation creating feelings of mistrust that they may remain inadequately answered.

2 further Public meetings on 23rd & 25th May were held.

We held a surgery yesterday to help residents complete the consultation response forms.

The PC has attended MP surgeries. In association with Stanton Wick Action Group we asked for contact to be made with Andrew Robathan PSS to consider vacated MOD sites for allocation. This has been done.

The Parish Council is very concerned about the lack of useful feedback received by the many parishioners that have engaged.

My submission is that the Cabinet are simply NOT LISTENING.