

## **Chair's Notes April 2019**

Things have been fairly quiet at Curdridge PC since the February Planning meeting I reported last month. Winchester City Council has taken the same view as your council on applications for extensions from householders, and our main concerns are with enforcement of existing planning conditions for some commercial sites. In addition, we are supporting the

### **North Whiteley Development**

I represented Curdridge at the last meeting of the North Whiteley Forum, at which several positive announcements were made. Significant improvement to the M27 junction has been approved, which should allow Whiteley residents to use the motorway rather than divert through the A3051.

I raised the apparent contradiction that the proposed pedestrian/cycle way to King's Corner would be busy enough to require street lights, but not busy enough to need a crossing over the A3051. Highways responded that the lighting footprint, intensity and spectrum would be set to minimize impact on wildlife, and would be turned off for some of the overnight period. The A3051 crossing is temporary, until it is eliminated as part of the Botley bypass project. Highways has also agreed to reduce the speed limit north of Curbridge to 40mph. Even so, your council has asked that a refuge be provided in the middle of the road so that cyclists and pedestrians do not have to contend with traffic from both directions at once.

Highways also felt that the addition of 3,500 houses to Whiteley would have minimum impact on the A334/B2177 junction in Shedfield, so I alerted them to the fact that this junction is already heavily congested at peak times.

### **Boorley Green**

Eastleigh Council had opposed the development between Winchester Road and Hedge End station, but was overturned on appeal. The developers have now asked for a modest increase in the number of dwellings approved at the outline stage, and to raise the maximum height of buildings. Curdridge has objected to this.

Boorley Green is also set to expand towards Curdridge along the south side of Maddoxford Lane. Eastleigh now has a detailed application for the plot next to Crows Nest Lane, which will have the 50 houses approved at the outline stage. Curdridge PC backed up Botley's concerns about the potential impact of piling operations on the older houses nearby.

On the next plot east, the developers have applied to increase the number of dwellings by 72% from 50 to 86, and wish to construct blocks of flats there. Curdridge PC will discuss this on 21 March, and will have taken a position by the time you read these notes.

### **Other matters**

Your council continues to remind Hampshire Highways about the missing Give Way signs by the triangle where Chapel Lane and Lockhams Road meet the A334.

We are also appealing the decision by Royal Mail not to restore the post box at the Plantation.

Eric Bodger

### **Planning Decisions**

The White House Vicarage Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DP - Minor Material Amendment to Application Ref: 17/03089/FUL dated 23/02/2018 - Amendment to Condition Number 2 -The approved plans in condition 2 are required to be changed as a single storey side extension is proposed; To substitute the approved plans with the amended plans submitted with this application. Case Officer: Lisa Booth. Case No: 18/02925/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

### **Future meeting dates for Curdridge Parish Council**

Planning, Highway & Licensing Committee Meetings (if there is sufficient business):  
4 April 2019, 2 May 2019 & 6 June 2019

#### Full Council Meetings:

18 April 2019, 16 May 2019 (the Annual General Meeting) & 27 June 2019. NB please note the Annual Parish Meeting will take place during the week commencing 11 April 2019 (date to be advised nearer the time by Agenda circulation to Parish Notice Boards and Website).

Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms. Meeting Agendas are made available on the Parish Council website.