

Update on Planning Issues in Cheswick Green Parish

Blythe Valley Park

IM Properties has submitted a Hybrid Planning Application for development of Blythe Valley Park. It seeks full permission for various landscaping and internal roads in the residential site, which includes the proposed access into Kinton Lane. It seeks outline permission for up to 750 dwellings, a Care Facility with 250 places, a 200 room hotel, and other potential development in the area between the existing commercial and residential area - the "Blended Core".

Even though the Consultation Period ends after 21 days representations **can** still be made to support or object to the proposals. But don't leave it too late, the Parish Council recommends that you submit your responses no later than Monday 30th May. Details of the Planning Application can be viewed at :-

<http://publicaccess.solihull.gov.uk>

The Planning Application Reference is: -

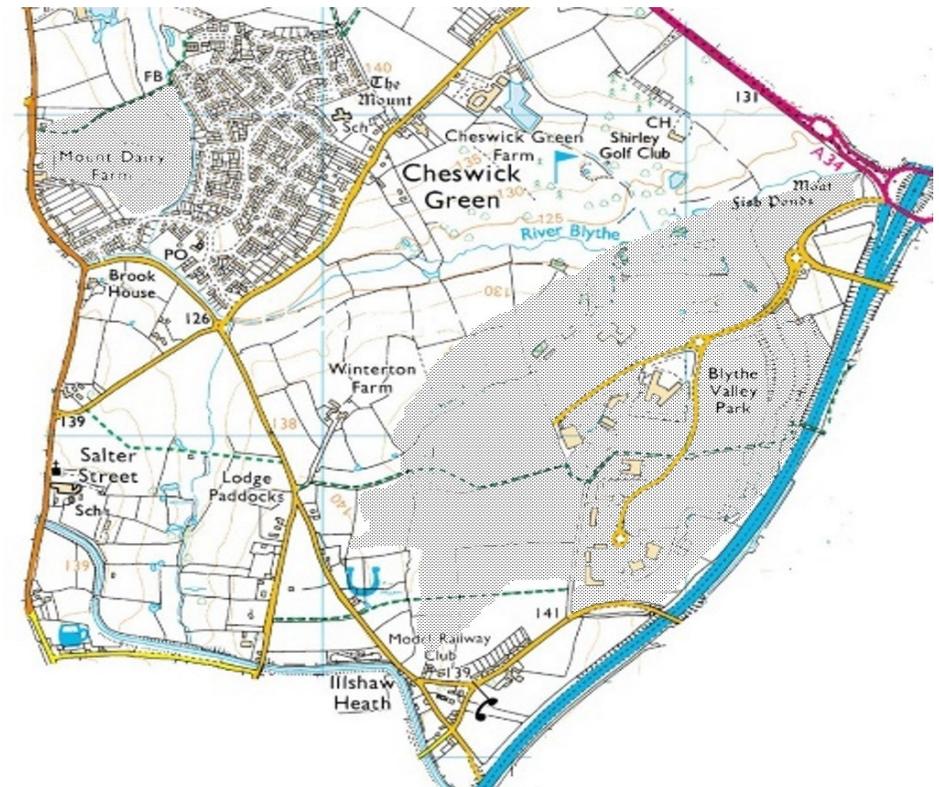
[PL/2016/00863/MAOOT](http://publicaccess.solihull.gov.uk).

This housing development will have a dramatic impact on the population, distribution and users of facilities across the whole Parish. The Parish Council is striving very hard to influence the decisions concerning the development in order to maximise the advantages and minimise the disadvantages of the inevitable development.

The planned increase of dwellings in Cheswick Green Parish, which includes Mount Dairy Farm, Blythe Valley Park and Mar-City, will be just over 100%. What also needs to be considered are the current developments at Dickens Heath and the two recently approved sites at Tidbury Green. We now need to wait and see what else has been put forward in the Blythe Ward following the Council's "Call for Sites" request to developers in January as part of the Solihull Local Plan Review.

The Parish Council has consistently identified 4 major concerns, amongst others, regarding these developments and has made its views known on numerous occasions to Solihull Council, various developers, and both Cheswick Green and Illshaw Heath Residents associations

**Infrastructure
Connectivity
Primary Schooling
Medical facilities**



Infrastructure— The Parish Council does not agree with an access road being put into the new Blythe Valley housing from Kineton Lane. Our local roads, which were not too long ago single lane tracks, are too narrow for the expected 100%+ increase in dwellings, and that does not include traffic from the Hotel, Care Home or any traffic from the commercial phase of Blythe Valley Park.

Connectivity— Cheswick Green Parish Council considers that it is important for the residents of the new housing to be practically connected with the existing services, shops and facilities located in Cheswick Green village centre. Connectivity will help to promote and support the successful future of these amenities. CENTRO is considering changing the S4 bus route to a circular route, both ways, to travel from Cheswick Green Village via Solihull, Knowle, Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Hockley Heath, Blythe Valley and back to Cheswick Green Village using 4 buses.

Primary Schooling— Cheswick Green School is not at present able to accept all the expected numbers of children from both the Mount Dairy Farm and the Blythe Valley Park developments; extension to Cheswick Green School will be required.

Medical Facilities— At present the Village Surgery is almost at capacity so where will the new residents be expecting to find medical services? What about the care home needs? Money should be put aside for larger medical facilities.

So how can you help? You can send your views to :

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Copies could be sent to:-

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Councillors)

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You could also copy your message to all 51 Solihull Councillors

Other Parish News

Mount Dairy Farm

As most of you will be aware by now Bloor Homes have started to build the houses for phase 1.

Flooding – Sand bags protection

The Parish Council has arranged for two green metal containers located on the car park by the Village Hall. They contain sand and sand bags. The sand bags will require filling in the event of a potential flooding emergency.

Shops – Frontages – Maintenance

Cheswick Green Parish Council has come up with a scheme which should overcome the deplorable appearance of the frontages to the shops. The owners appear reluctant to maintain the forecourt area because of the nature of their leases granted to the shopkeepers.

The scheme put forward by the Parish Council is for its Grounds Maintenance contractor to maintain the shrub beds and remove litter on a regular basis. To achieve this, it is necessary for all the shop keepers and the Village Surgery to reimburse the costs involved by way of equal contributions. The Parish Council and Solihull MBC has generously provided funding to refurbish the shrub beds. The Parish Council has liaised with and appreciates the cooperation of the owners and Managing Agents together with the shop keepers and Village Surgery. The scheme commenced on 1st April. You can already see an improvement.

Tesco Bags of Help

Cheswick Green Parish Council applied for a grant from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. The Parish Council was successful in getting through the various stages to get to the final comprising three finalists. Voting by shoppers took place over a week at several Tesco stores. The Parish Council came second and received a grant of £10,000.00 to be used to make improvements on the Recreational Ground.