

Update on Planning Issues in Cheswick Green Parish

As most of you will be aware by now Bloor Homes have started their site preparation at Mount Dairy Farm, Tanworth Lane. They will be starting to build the houses around the middle of February.

IM Properties, the owners of Blythe Valley Park, will be at Cheswick Green Village Hall on Thursday 28th January between 4.00 and 8.00pm to consult with residents. This is the public consultation stage where they will be showing plans of their proposals for their planning application for the housing development on Blythe Valley. There will be display boards with plans and diagrams and staff available to answer questions.

How will Blythe Valley Park affect us all?

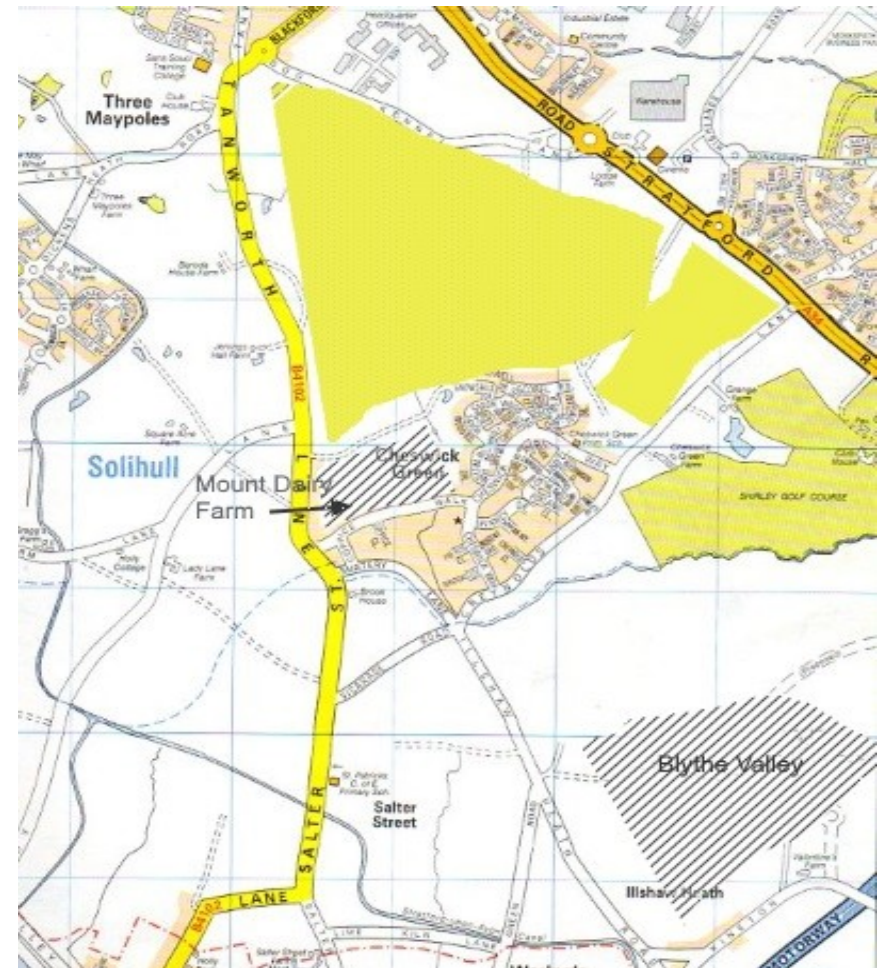
- Half of the site is within the Cheswick Green School catchment and so children living in the new houses will have the same rights as current parish residents to places in the school and the school is too small!
- The Village Surgery is almost up to capacity now!
- Our local roads are already being used as “rat runs”. What happens when there is a 120% increase in housing within in the Parish?

(Just to identify only 3 of the issues)

Solihull Council has been forced to find more housing sites around the Borough. A call has gone out for anyone to suggest sites they would like to develop. This also happened in 2012 and there were several sites within the Parish that were identified (shown in yellow on map) but did not get permission due to their Green Belt status.

In April Solihull Council will be consulting on the Borough's Green Belt and changes could be made to accommodate more housing!

If any of these sites get approval we would then be joined up with urban Shirley and Monkspath.



Is there anything that can be done to preserve our rural community?

We can't turn back the clock and stop the 120% Increase in our housing (Mount Dairy Farm, Blythe Valley and Mar City) that has already been approved by Solihull Council.

If more sites are identified in the Parish we need as many people s possible to object very strongly. We must also continue to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan in order to have a say in future new housing developments and to best meet local needs. It would also ensure that both new and existing residents of Cheswick Green Parish would benefit from any new infrastructure and be part of an integrated community. Outline work on the plan has already been completed and it is now time to focus on the detail.

Solihull Council has designated the whole of Cheswick Green Parish, from Dog Kennel Lane to the M42, as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

All Cheswick Green Parish householders and business owners will have the opportunity to influence the plan on more than one occasion during the process. The Parish Council would like in particular to talk to anyone who has specific ideas or concerns for the Parish area and who would like to help shape the plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan can not be left to The Parish Council to develop it. To be accepted as a legal document it must be supported by the local population.

We need lots of help to produce a neighbourhood Plan

You can help with developing the Plan by completing and returning this reply slip.

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I would like Cheswick Green Neighbourhood Plan to address the following points:

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Signed.....

*Name.....

*Address.....

I would also be willing to participate in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Cheswick Green Parish YES/NO

*Telephone(s).....

*Email.....

*This information will only be used by the Parish Council to contact you in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please return by **Wednesday 10th February to:
The Clerk, Cheswick Green Parish Council,
Cheswick Green Village Hall, Cheswick Way,
Solihull, West Midlands. B90 4JA
or clerk@cheswickgreen-pc.org.uk
or Post it through the Village Hall Letter box**