

Hampton Residents Association Meeting

21st August 2008

19:00 hrs till 21:00 hrs

Hampton Community Hall

Meeting called by:	Kevin and Diana Burgess	Type of meeting:	Inaugural residents meetings
Facilitator:	Kevin Burgess	Note taker:	Diana Burgess
Timekeeper:	Diana Burgess		
Attendees:	Around 70 Hampton residents		

Minutes

Agenda item: Proposed development of 800 homes in Hampton **Presenter:** Kevin Burgess

Discussion: Kevin presented some slides for back ground information followed by a discussion.

During the presentation some questions were raised by the residents:

Question was raised about Kevin and his back ground.

Background to Kevin Burgess. Born in Yorkshire, moved to West Midlands when he was 4. Works for Cadbury in Birmingham and so does his wife Diana who he met there. They have lived in Hampton for 3 years, been married for 2 and have a 1 year old daughter.

Question was asked if Kevin and Diana have spoken to councilors.

We have spoken to John Smith. Councillor Steven Webb has shown interest. We have also been contacted by Wychavon planning department who have volunteered to do a presentation to us.

Question was asked about what the next steps are for the HRA with reference to the proposed developments.

This led to the second part of the presentation.

Question raised about town boundary and whether that has been moved at all.

We did not have an answer to this question. This may be a good point to use in our argument.

Question raised about social housing.

Apparently 20-30% of development is required to be social housing if development land is over 0.5 hectare.

Question raised about if it has been specified what percentage of housing is north of Pershore Road and what south.

This has not been specified implicitly but can be deducted from the numbers associated with the reviews done on the different plots of land. See presentation for more details.

The following concerns were raised in the break out sessions:

- Pershore Road would be the only main access road to the new developments and this road is particularly narrow at points and has parked cars along the road.
- Access from St Andrews Road to Pershore Road.
- Huge increase in traffic on Pershore Road if 800 homes are to be build.
- Flooding may increase as there will be less natural drainage.
- Who the people will be that will be moving to Hampton and where they will be coming from.
- Many recent developments have already been built in Hampton and have caused great inconvenience to the local residents.
- Whether the local post office will remain open.
- Whether more shops will be created.
- Whether the local school and it's access road will be improved.
- Whether a safe play area will be created for the local children.
- Whether there will be more police presence with this doubling in size of Hampton.
- Whether the town centre could be regenerated especially flats above shops.
- The new homes would need garage space to prevent similar parking issues caused by recent new developments.
- Conservation of green spaces and gardens to help prevent flooding.
- Facilities for the youth will be needed as there is currently not much for youngsters to do.
- What will happen to the farm shop on Pershore Road. There aren't enough shops in Hampton as it is and the loss of the farm shop would be felt by the community.
- Access to health services is difficult at times and this would only become more difficult with 2,300 new families moving into Evesham.
- The proposals show development on existing flood plains and fields where there is a known flooding issue.
- Availability of litter bins, bus shelters, post office and children's play areas are limited.

- Hampton will lose its identity and will be swallowed by the new developments. Hampton is a village and cannot sustain such development.
- Residents that chose to live in a rural environment will be put into an urban environment by these developments.
- There is a lack of green space and playing fields in Hampton already.
- Public transport is not comprehensive enough to support 800 new families in Hampton.
- Whether there will be enough jobs for everyone locally.
- Ring road should be completed before any development in Hampton is considered.
- The Hampton ferry is one of only 3 left in the country. If a new bridge is to be built what will happen to the ferry?
- The recent developments in Hampton should count towards the 800 new homes.
- The sewage system will not be able to cope with increase in homes.
- There is a feeling that the publicly elected councilors are not representing the views of their electorate.
- There is a lack of leisure facilities in Hampton.

An anonymous vote was held and the majority of residents agreed that some development was probably needed but that 800 homes in Hampton would cause a huge strain on the community and the infrastructure and that the Hampton Resident's Association should support this view.

There was a discussion about what an appropriate number of new houses would be but a final number was not agreed.

There was a suggestion that another leaflet drop is needed to inform the residents of the impending public consultation period and the public event scheduled for Wednesday the 24th of September at the Evesham Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. till 8:00 p.m.

There was a suggestion that the HRA should be formalised. This was proposed by Iris Pinkstone and seconded by Mary Andrews. It was then agreed by all.

Residents were asked to volunteer for the committee and to make themselves known to Kevin and Diana.

Conclusions: It was agreed that as the HRA we would not oppose all development but we would like to influence any developments that are proposed to make sure that they are not detrimental to existing community to Hampton.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ All volunteers for the committee to be contacted and a meeting to be scheduled.	Kevin Burgess	01.09.2008
✓ An additional leaflet drop to be done	?	Sept 2008
✓ Action plan for next steps to be created	The committee	Sept 2008
✓ People to attend the public meeting on the 24 th of September	All	Sept 2008
✓ Follow up meeting to be scheduled	The committee	TBC

Other Information

Observers: N/A

Resources: Powerpoint presentation

Special notes: Further information to be posted onto the GREATHAMPTON website
