

Our mission statement is

- To support and strengthen the Hampton Community
- To improve the environment in which we live
- For Hampton residents by Hampton residents

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Wychavon delay housing plans

The Wychavon Council recently voted to delay their submission to the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (SWJCS) which could see 800 homes built in Hampton. Councillors agreed to ask the Joint Advisory Panel for an extension on their submission by 12 months. This could mean that the final submission would not be made until November 2010. According to councillor Judy Pearce the council did not want to make a rushed submission which may have to be altered at a later date, at the tax payer's

expense. The council is also waiting for reports on housing needs in the Evesham area and is waiting



Land in Hampton proposed for development

for final figures on the amount of funding available for new infrastructure requirements associated with the additional housing.

An extension to Wychavon's submission to the SWJCS would mean that the final submission would not be made until after the next general election. It is common knowledge that the Conservative Party have said that they will scrap the housing plans should they be voted into office next year.

Due to the delay in the submission the council are organising further consultation events in Evesham on the 11th of November and the 12th of December in the Evesham Town hall in the Market Square.

Vodafone telephone mast

Vodafone UK applied for planning permission to put a radio base station at the top of Pershore Road near the farm shop. There are controversies around the health impact of mobile phone masts and some

research suggests they should be at least 400 yards removed from any residential properties. The council decided that there were enough objections to warrant a full planning application. Vodafone

now have to apply for formal planning permission to build their radio base station. To date the council have not yet received any communication or planning application from Vodafone.

Meet your residents association



Your chairman
Kevin Burgess

“Hampton has a lovely rural setting and village feel and it would be such a shame to see it urbanised and swallowed up by Evesham.”

Hopefully most of you will have met your residents association committee members at the open day that was held in March. We had hoped to publish a group photo of the committee but the camera has been unable to catch everyone in the same place at the same time. Instead we will introduce a few people at a time. In this issue we would like to introduce your chairman and the secretary of your residents association.

Your chairman is Kevin Burgess one of the original founders of the residents association. He has been living in Hampton for the last 4 years. Having moved from Birmingham city centre he loves the rural setting of Hampton and is disap-

pointed that he may be forced to live in an urban environment again if the planned developments continue at the scale originally proposed. He fears that Hampton will lose its village feel and that it will be swallowed up by Evesham. He founded the residents association in the hope that as an organised community we can influence the developments on our doorstep and ensure that as well as additional housing we also get additional services and amenities and so improve life in Hampton.

Tom Iddon is the secretary of the residents association and has been living in Hampton for 23 years. He has witnessed quite some changes in

those years. He has seen an increase in the numbers of houses built in Hampton but has not seen an increase in services to accompany the increase in houses. He spent 24 years in the marines and 19 years in the police force. He has lived all around the UK and in several different locations around the world. He brings a lot of experience to the residents association.



Hampton in the Vale website



One of the Hampton residents has developed a village website for Hampton residents. The web address

is: www.hamptoninthevale.co.uk.

Here you can find information about Hampton and about the locality. We would like to invite any local businesses, groups or individuals that would like a page on

the website to please contact the Hampton Web Team via the website. The details are on the ‘Contact Us’ page. The service is free and is a great opportunity to communicate with your local community.

First draft of the development plans

This summer the residents association was contacted by a representative of the developer with a first draft of the development plan for Hampton. We were lucky enough to get a sneak preview of this first draft. Unfortunately we were not allowed to keep a copy of it and we can therefore only tell you about the plans.

At the Open Day in March of this year we asked the Hampton residents what they would like to see in any possible new development and to rank those wishes in order of importance. The residents came up with the following list:

- 1. Mini Worcester Woods
- 2. Village Green
- 3. Playground

On this Google Earth map of Hampton the area earmarked for development is highlighted in red

- 4. Playing Fields
- 5. Allotments

We are pleased to say that in the first draft of the plans that we saw, the developer has allocated space for all these. This is great news and we are very pleased that working together as a community with the developer we have managed to create a wish list that has been incorporated in the first draft of the plan.

The draft we saw was an outline of the area earmarked for development with areas allocated for green space, properties, roads, play park and playing fields as well as the allotments. There was no detail to the plan yet and planning permission will need to be obtained once the detail is known. We are conscious that this is only a first draft of the plans and that these plans can still change before they are finalised.

“Working as a community with the developer we can try to get the most out of this new development”



The number of houses to be built will be dictated by the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (SWJCS). The initial plan was for 800 homes. Following the consultation process there was talk of 400 homes for Hampton. Unfortunately we won't find out the final number of homes until the SWJCS has been finalised. Whatever the number of houses, the development will still take up most of the space allocated on the above picture. In the first

draft of the plans the farm shop remains where it is and the field immediately to the south of it will become a village green. The development land will take up all the land to the west of the farm shop through the orchard and down the hill to the Merry Brook. Because of the flooding risk the developer is planning a mini Worcester Woods in the area close to the Merry Brook. There will be trees, footpaths, cycle ways and possibly a café. The allotments are

in the same area and the playing fields and play park are planned at the far end of the development. The development will go as far back as the rear of the houses in Martin Avenue and behind them to Peewit Road. The access road to the new development will be around Berryfield Road and there will be a main road snaking through the development to Peewit Road which will be serviced by a bus route.



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Working to improve life in Hampton

The Hampton residents association was set up in August 2008 in response to the plans to build 800 new homes in Hampton. It is run by local Hampton people for Hampton residents.

Our mission is to:

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- Improve the environment in which we live

This newsletter is one way in which we communicate with our residents. We also have a website www.greathamton.co.uk for more up to date information.

Feel free to contact us on any of the contact details provided with ideas, suggestions or for an update.



Last but not least

There are some other projects the residents association is working on following the open day we had last March. That day residents were given an opportunity to list what other projects they would like us to look into and we have picked two to start working on.

We are looking into an additional pedestrian crossing for Pershore Road. There is currently only one pedestrian crossing on Pershore Road between Hampton and Evesham. This crossing is opposite the Post Office. Some residents felt that another safe crossing closer to Evesham would be beneficial. We are cur-

rently enquiring as to how we would go about requesting another one.

The second project we are working on is to get a welcome to 'Hampton' sign. Currently there is a welcome to Evesham sign but there is



'Welcome to Bengeworth' sign on Port Street

nothing to indicate to visitors that they are traveling through Hampton to get to Evesham. We would like to follow the example set by Bengeworth and have a separate sign for Hampton. This will help give us a sense of community and give us a separate identity from Evesham. Both these projects involve the Highways agency and as such the council. For this reason we will be talking to our local councilor John Smith to see how we would go about this and to see how he, as our local representative, can help us with these projects.