

Caerwent Community Council

The saga of Merton Green in Caerwent goes on and, so that we can keep residents abreast of developments, we summarise the present negotiations between MCC and the Developer.

The position is that the Developer wants to make some changes to the existing detailed planning permission. To recap, there was originally to be 147 homes and this has been reduced to 132. The western end of the site has been sold to David Wilson Homes (another firm within Barratts) and the result will be a change in design of those properties as David Wilson homes are generally of a higher specification. There are proposed layout changes within the eastern end of the site and these are of concern to MCC Planning Officers and this is what is being negotiated on at present. Shortly the application will go to the full Planning Committee. We and MCC are standing fast on the requirement to ensure that no further burden is placed on the sewage infrastructure until Welsh Water have carried out the required works. Efforts are being made to ensure that this work is accelerated as far as possible.

This leaves the "Open Spaces" challenge to the Development as a whole and we await the Developers response to this. However, they are pressing on with their planning application as is their right.

On other matters, there is some disquiet over the new policing policy. Local police are, in our opinion, considerably under resourced and we would urge anyone with a concern over policing matters to write to the Chief Constable. The more pressure that is put on, the more the views of the local residents will be taken notice of. It is sadly a fact that Gwent Police have considerably restricted budgets, as have MCC, but it is still important to ensure that resources are placed as adequately as possible. A particular worry is the increase in day time burglaries so be vigilant please.

A study is currently under way monitoring traffic speed in the area with a view to a report going to the Safety Camera Unit. Be warned!

On the matter of speed we still await the report on the A48 30mph zone. Once again thank you to those of you who responded on this.

Residents in the Shirefield area are rightly asking when their lane is going to be improved as the Highmoor Hill lane has been. Clearly budgets get in the way every time but it is now on the schedule for 2011/12. If we can put any pressure on to accelerate this scheme we will.

Residents of Dinham Road are suffering - more and more MoD lorries are trying to access the site via that route. This has been reported to the MoD.

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