

Notes of Colerne Development Meeting – 6th November at 6.00pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

Present: Cllrs V Pecchia, S Fremantle, J Beresford-Smith, K Hawkins, M Tabb & M Townley (Clerk)
Dist Cllrs T Gazzard, M Veal

1 Colerne Site

With the MoD now selling off their property the Airfield site offers opportunities for housing and industrial development.

However the infrastructure fails this area because there are no adequate roads accessing the area for traffic generated by future development.

The redevelopment of MOD land should include provision for improved road access. The MoD should include for the funding of such this provision in any land sale or development agreements. This should cover provision of a new road and /or road improvements, this should ensure future development of MOD assets would have with improved access to Bristol and the North.

2 Roads Infrastructure

The Wiltshire Council (WC) has acknowledged current access arrangement to the north and east are inadequate and have introduced restrictions on roads through Marshfield, Ford, Box and Ditteridge. The proposed development at Colerne will generate extra car borne traffic and this will have a substantial adverse effect on all roads to Colerne but particularly on the Bannerdown Road. WC also recognises that HGV traffic using the business uses at Colerne will adversely affect Bannerdown road and while sympathetic to the problems experienced in B&NES's Batheaston – they have no jurisdiction over those areas and have not allocated any capital monies for improvements.

3 Planning Application 14/09302/OUT

- (a) The WC Planning Department has issued this Application for comment. (But not to B&NES)
- (b) Colerne Parish Council has considered and approved, but an open meeting was not so content
- (c) Colerne PC did NOT advise Batheaston PC of this application
- (d) The BPC requested sight of the Application, which was considered by the full Council on 28th October.
- (e) The BPC response to the WC Planner was that an improved access road be provided through to the A420 in the North.
- (f) The BPC also asked the B&NES Highways to pursue this road improvement and M Smith has responded affirmatively.

4 Subsequent Progress

- (a) J Scott (WC Leader) and Cllr Crossley have met but dubious progress envisaged.
- (b) The WC Planners might approve without any further meetings/discussions.
Do not anticipate that a new Road will be a condition of any approval.

5 Proposed Action

- (a) Defence Select Committee
Should be made aware of the MoD's need to "condition" any sale to developers.
- (b) VPA
Should pursue this Road improvement as a concerted 'voice' on behalf of this area.
- (c) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Each Authority has an LEP, which comprises active business people, who will be concerned with any future developments in their area.
Colin Skellet is the Chairman of the B&NES LEP (lives in Bathford) and might advise whom to approach in the WC LEP. VP
- (d) MPs
All our M[<]Ps are now considered the elections next May and unlikely to assist.
But James Gay (Wilts) is on the Defence Select Committee.....
- (e) Ministers
Most likely success is if a Minister could assist with shaking WC/B&NES leaders.
Which Minister to approach will be ascertained? MV
- (f) B&NES
BPC has already advised Dr Farrar with copies of the request to M Smith.
Advice from Louise Fradd to be pursued. MV/TG