

Decision deferred on application for 465 homes



Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) Planning Committee at its meeting on February 13th decided to defer the application to build 465 homes on Cheltenham Road East adjoining Dancey Road and Parkside Drive.

They requested further information after listening to Churchdown councillor Kay Berry when she addressed the meeting. Kay drew their attention to the education report of October 2nd which had not been included in their papers.

This clearly stated that there is 'no capacity' in any of the local schools to take any of the children from this development of 465 homes. It also said that the full development of the whole Joint Core Strategy (JCS) strategic site of Churchdown South would require the construction of a new 3 form entry primary school and extra classrooms for the two secondary schools.

The application will be heard again on March 13th when representatives from the County Council's education department and Highways England will be invited to answer questions from the committee.

Have your say

You can view the full application and still comment on it by going to www.tewkesbury.gov.uk - selecting planning, search for applications then enter **Parcel 3745 Cheltenham Road East Churchdown**.

Your local Liberal Democrat councillors will continue to fight to get the best deal for the people of Churchdown.

Churchdown surgery update

The Churchdown surgery is due to open on the 26th March.

The new facility is a great addition to Churchdown improving health provision in the village. Churchdown always had great service from the old surgery in St John's Avenue and this new site can only improve on this.

Councillor Pearl Stokes said "Local Lib Dems have been campaigning to see this new centre built for 17 years. **Badhams pharmacy** will be located on site; as a result the pharmacy on **Blacksmith Lane** will close, however the pharmacy on **St John's Avenue** will still remain open.

"Stagecoach are looking into increasing the service to half hourly on the **97 bus route**. This is good news. I have been campaigning for some time to get a **more regular bus timetable** to allow easier access to the medical centre and work has also been completed to **the bus stop on Parton Road** outside the **Parish Council offices** including a new surface and drop kerbs."

Councillor Jack Williams added "I am really pleased I was able to secure the funding to make better access for those using public transport." Concerns had been raised about the lack of a pedestrian crossing at this site.

"I have also asked GCC highways representatives to carry out a review once the surgery is open to look at the prospect of installing a more suitable crossing to serve the bus stops."



Improvements have now been made to the bush shelter on Parton Road

Fly-tippers prosecuted



People often say that nothing is being done about fly tipping but in January Tewkesbury Borough Council successfully prosecuted two people at Cheltenham Magistrates Court.

One was fined £1,200 with £1,325 costs and a victim surcharge of £60 for dumping rubbish on **Aggs Hill** and an Innsworth resident was fined £40 with £548 costs and a victim surcharge of £30 for dumping household waste in **Frogfurlong Lane**.

TBC have adopted a policy to prosecute whenever possible. If you spot fly tipping you can report it on the TBC website or by telephoning **01684 295010**

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