

Chilton News

SPECIAL EDITION ON CHILTON WOODS - SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Chilton Parish Council would like to comment on the Suffolk County Council (SCC) Chilton Woods public consultation which is due to take place at the Masonic Hall, North Street, Sudbury (the last building on the right at the top of North Street) on:

Friday 30th January

2pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 31st January

10am to 1pm

and at Acton Village Hall on Thursday 12th February between noon and 8pm.

Along with Sudbury Town Council, Acton, Great Waldingfield and Long Melford Parish Councils we have been involved in a prolonged "Place-Shaping Group" which was, we were led to believe, designed to help shape the master plan for the Chilton Woods development of what is now, 1,250 houses.

Frankly, this process has been woefully inadequate with little proper discussion of parish suggestions, objections and proposals and Suffolk County Council (SCC) officers and their advisers failing even to turn up to one of the place-shaping group meetings.

As things currently stand, all the parish councils involved in this proposed scheme did not get to view the latest SCC plan until a mere 24 hours before it goes public, leaving us little time to comment on or discuss it among ourselves or with our councillors and parishioners.

Having had a chance to view the latest plan today, Thursday, we would agree that in general it is probably better than previous versions. However there remain some problems which we believe parishioners should carefully examine for themselves and convey their concerns to SCC.

(please turn over)



CHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Chilton Parish Council meets bi-monthly at Great Waldingfield Village Hall and the remaining meeting dates for 2015 are:

- ◇ Mon 2nd March
- ◇ Tues 12th May
- ◇ Mon 6th July
- ◇ Mon 7th September
- ◇ Mon 2nd November

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 27th April 2015 at Great Waldingfield Village Hall.

CHILTON WOODS (CONTINUED)

In particular, parishioners may like to consider:

- The vastly increased amount of traffic that will be brought down from Chilton Woods through Reynolds Way and Aubrey Drive onto the inadequate Homebase roundabout
- The Hub design, which is now in Chilton, still leaves a lot to be desired and could be vastly improved
- The playing fields are a long way from the Hub and therefore will be largely unattended and unobserved and fail to support Hub activity
- Increased traffic flows through and via Great Waldingfield down Valley Road and through Newton
- A huge increase in traffic coming down East Street and into Sudbury that 1,250 (with 2,000 cars plus is our estimate) households will generate on a daily basis
- Increased traffic flows on Springlands Way, possibly with controlled traffic lights impeding free flow especially during rush hours
- And an industrial area, 45% of which is designated for warehousing and is therefore unlikely to realistically produce many new jobs at all.

There are many other considerations that parishioners may like to raise after they have examined the “plans” for a scheme that has grown from 750 houses to 1,250 at Suffolk County Council’s (the majority landholder for the scheme) behest.

We would therefore encourage all our parishioners to visit the consultation exhibitions and to convey clearly to Suffolk County Council their views and concerns. The consultation ends in just over two weeks on February 16th and views can be expressed online at **www.suffolk.gov.uk/chiltonwoods** from Friday 30th January. You can:

email your views to **chilton.woods@suffolk.gov.uk** (and please copy them to Chilton Parish Council chiltonpc@btinternet.com for information)

phone SCC via 0345 603 1842

or **write** to: Freepost RTAC-HSKL-CSAY
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
IPSWICH IP1 2EB

We therefore urge local people to make their voices heard before it is too late.

Chilton Parish Council Contacts

Lady Hart of Chilton Chairman	07767 646647	valhartofchilton@btinternet.com
Steve Graham, Vice Chairman	01787 312256	steve956@btinternet.com
Peter Clifford	01787 371798	petercliffordonline@gmail.com
Eileen Gore	01787 319747	legore@talktalk.net
Richard Edgeley	01787 375769	rte44@farmersweekly.net
Andrew Green	01787 371312	andy.kg@sky.com
Keith Shapley	01787 378985	keith.shapley@btinternet.com
Clerk Dave Crimmin	01787 375085	chiltonpc@btinternet.com

Chilton website

chilton.onesuffolk.net