



Cox's Green Development



In 2016 Redcliffe Homes applied to build 59 houses outside Wrington's village fence at Cox's Green. An Appeal Inquiry was held after North Somerset Council decided that the

housing was against its policies on landscape and settlement boundaries.

The Wrington Village Alliance, Parish Council and many residents also opposed the development for reasons of highway safety, flooding, the effects on wildlife and the industrial estates.

This application was in Outline only. During the inquiry NSC withdrew its objections on the grounds that, if Redcliffe Homes win the appeal, the landscape effects could be dealt with in the detailed application for the design and layout of the houses.

The Planning Inspector will decide whether to allow the Outline application later this year.

Redcliffe Homes has also applied for 28 houses on the same site, and NSC has still to decide this application.

NSC has been told by the Planning Inspectorate that it needs sites for 2,500 more houses.

The A2 bus

Wrington's bus has been under threat many times. At present NSC subsidises the route from Weston to the airport and intends to re-tender the A2 on a different route next year. It should then be subsidised by the airport, under an agreement dating back to the 2010 planning approval for the airport's major expansion.



It is not clear what the bus route will be next year.

The Lord Nelson Cleeve

Historic England has decided NOT to list the Lord Nelson pub, as it does not meet the strict criteria for listing. It does have local historic interest - Jack Warner (Dixon of Dock Green), Cyril Fletcher (Odd Odes) and other artistes stayed there during World War II but the pub itself does not contain enough original 1930s features.

The listing application was part of Cleeve's campaign to save the building from demolition. The pub was approved as an Asset of Community Value by North Somerset Council in January. The owners Tout Ltd aim to replace the pub with a shop, pub/café and a petrol filling station but have not yet applied for planning permission.

Wrington's Broad St Surgery

The Mendip Vale Medical Practice has wanted to close Wrington's Broad St surgery for some time. NHS England requires the Practice to consult patients before this happens, and so a consultation was held up to 15th October, with questionnaires online and at the various surgeries.

We are now waiting to hear the result. It is a pity that the Practice did not promote Broad St or encourage patients to use it while it was open. It could never match a proper surgery but many more Wrington residents might have found it useful if it was open more often.

DIY Weed Clearing

Lib Dem Cllr Deborah Yamanaka recently asked Executive Member Cllr Ap Rees whether it was sensible to cut the funds for clearing weeds in gutters in areas which flood.

Cllr Ap Rees, who is responsible for highways, replied that residents and Parish Councils should clear the gutters themselves!

So be advised – you must get out there with your trowels and shovels!

Welcome to Sir Vince Cable

We are delighted that Sir Vince Cable has become Leader of the Liberal Democrats. In him the Party has a man who has been in charge of a large government department as well as extensive business experience.



Sir Vince, who visited North Somerset earlier this year, made some very incisive remarks about the Tories' mis-handling of our disengagement from Europe. He commented on the way that the position of Northern Ireland & the Republic seems to have been ignored until the Tories had to bribe the DUP to form a government. Sir Vince pointed out that Jeremy Corbyn detests the EU as much as Liam Fox, making for strange bedfellows!

During the Lib Dem conference Sir Vince wrote:
"We go into this conference bigger, more diverse and more influential than when we met last in York."

With a hung Parliament, a weakened Conservative Government and a Labour party whose great divides have only been papered over, we can make a real difference to the future of our country. Britain needs political grown-ups, now, more than ever. We will focus on securing the long term future of our country.

We will continue to lead the fight for an exit from Brexit in a referendum on the final deal. We will push forward with our plan to save the NHS and social care with a penny on income tax. We will continue to campaign to reverse heartless Conservative school cuts, improve mental health services and scrap the public sector pay cap. We will show Britain that we are the only grown-up party left in British Politics."

Affordable Housing

The Local Government Association is calling for Councils to invest in housebuilding, to deliver the genuinely affordable houses which the country needs.

New analysis from the Local Government Association (LGA) reveals that in 2000 the average house price was 3.96 times the average income, whereas last year a house was worth 7.72 times the average wage packet.

The last time the country built the amount of homes a year it needs, in the 1970s, 40% of new homes were built by local authorities. Last year, Councils lost more homes through the Right to Buy scheme than were started in the last 5 years.

LGA Lib Dem Group Spokesperson on Housing, Cllr Adele Morris, said:

"When house prices are almost 8 times the average income, it's clear that we have a serious shortage of homes that people can afford, which is shattering the dream of home-ownership for too many people."

"Councils are approving 9 in 10 planning applications, but the fact is most are hamstrung by restrictions on their ability to borrow to build. These restrictions must be lifted so local councils can invest in the range of new homes our communities need."

"Councils also need to be able to keep 100 per cent of the receipts from homes sold off under Right to Buy. Every penny is needed so that Councils can continue to provide socially rented homes for the most vulnerable in our society."

"Families around the country desperately need homes they can afford for rent, and more routes into home-ownership. A model of Right to Buy that actually allows Councils to build more homes would vastly increase the opportunities for these families, without it the scheme will grind to a halt."

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