



Cox's Green



Last year Redcliffe Homes won their appeal for the outline application for 59 houses outside the village fence at Cox's Green. A detailed application is now expected, to include the layout and design of the houses.

Two conditions of the outline approval are that the footpath from the site towards the recreation ground must be constructed and drainage along that road must be improved, before any houses are built.

These conditions could be difficult to fulfil. Is there space for a footpath without taking parts of residents' gardens? If not then this could end up in court.

There should be 18 "affordable houses" on the site, but how affordable will these be? Cllr Deborah Yamanaka said "It is important that these 18 houses are available at affordable rents for those in housing need."

Council Tax Increase

North Somerset Council has increased Council tax by 5.99%, the maximum increase allowed without holding a referendum. Over the last 8 years NSC has been forced to cut £90 million from its budget due to cuts in Government funding.

As a result, NSC has already cut many services, and this year sees more cuts, to childrens centres, adult social care, libraries, housing support and highways.

At February's NSC budget meeting, the Liberal Democrats and other opposition councillors proposed amendments to stop the cuts to children's centres and stop car parking increases in Weston. These would be paid for by reduced spending on areas such as senior staff, consultants and Executive cllrs. The amendments were defeated by the large Tory majority.

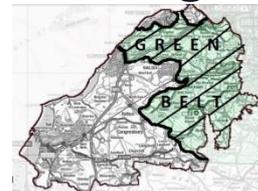
The Lord Nelson Cleeve

Tout Ltd has now submitted its planning application 17/P/5406/FUL to NSC to demolish the Lord Nelson pub & replace it with a Budgens store, petrol station, pub/café, beauty salon and office.

This is very controversial in Cleeve, with over 100 objections on NSC's website from Cleeve residents. The objectors want to keep the pub as the most iconic building in the village, they object to a petrol station open 24/7 and are concerned about the effect on local businesses.

There is also considerable support for the application from Budgens' customers in Nailsea and Langford. NSC's planning committee will decide the application in due course.

Housing Developments



Many residents are up in arms over the proposals put forward by North Somerset for housing developments near Churchill(2,800), Banwell(1,900), Backwell(700) & Nailsea(3,300).

The 4 West of England Councils proposed in their Joint Spatial Plan that 105,000 houses are needed by 2036 in the old Avon area, with 25,000 to go in North Somerset.

Many residents say that it would make more sense to build closer to Bristol and cut down on commuting distances, rather than building a new village in the countryside near Churchill. But NSC's policy is not to build in the Green Belt, and this pushes development to areas south of Backwell and Wrington.

Consultation on the JSP closed in January. The final plan should be adopted late this year or early 2019, after consideration by the Secretary of State.

Actual planning applications must be made and approved before any houses or new roads could be built for these developments.

Wera Hobhouse MP visits Long Ashton



Wera Hobhouse, Lib Dem MP for Bath was the guest speaker at North Somerset Lib Dem's Annual Dinner recently. Wera is the Party's spokesperson for Communities & Local Government, and spoke about the lack of local accountability for large Academy school chains, and the need for affordable housing.

As a member of the House of Commons Brexit committee she pointed out that the rest of the world, eg Canada & Norway, want closer trade links with the EU, at the same time that the UK is walking in the opposite direction.

Wera said "Now that the economic issues are clearer, as well as the difficulties for the Irish border, we should definitely hold a referendum on the terms of the Brexit deal.

"The People should finish what the People started."

NSC Road Conditions

North Somerset Council has reported that the condition of our roads is among the best in the country, according to a Government survey.

- North Somerset A roads are in the top 25% in the country
- only 4% of North Somerset B and C roads need repair, compared to 6% nationally
- only 3 other Local Authorities have better Unclassified roads than North Somerset

We can only wonder what the rest of the country's roads are like!

Plastics!!

The damage caused to wildlife by plastics in the oceans has horrified most people watching the BBC's Blue Planet.

Theresa May's vow to eliminate all "avoidable" plastic waste by 2042 is too vague and too far distant to tackle the problem - by the year 2042 plastic will almost outweigh the fish in our oceans.



**We need
action
now!**

Liberal Democrats are asking the Government to:

- Eradicate unnecessary plastic waste from Government Departments and set an example to businesses and consumers
- Provide incentives for reuse and recycling, including a plastic bottle return scheme and a 5p charge on disposable coffee cups
- Encourage businesses to reduce plastic packaging
- Work closely with other countries to find global solutions to tackle the crisis of ocean pollution
- Invest in research and development into non-plastic alternative materials

If you agree then please sign up to a letter to Environment Secretary Michael Gove online at <https://www.libdems.org.uk/save-our-seas>

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