

Bramcote Conservation Society Newsletter

Autumn 2012



Don't mention the Core Strategy !!

Well we think it is the most important topic in the Borough for years to be discussed bearing in mind the number of houses to be built and the Greenbelt to be lost, even if your local councillors do not want to talk about it or update you on it!! As one councillor said to me 'Yes, it has all gone a bit quiet!'

We have been monitoring the responses to the objections to the Core Strategy the number of which we have heard has taken the Council by surprise. I say heard because despite numerous groups writing to object regarding different points no one to my knowledge has had a written response. This is despite our objections being in their hands for three months now since the 23rd July. If you see one of our councillors you may like to ask them what is happening regarding this.

We are hopeful that due to your continued pressure we can get the council to develop the Brownbelt instead of 'the easy option' Greenbelt. Thank you to all who joined in our 'Greenbelt needs you' campaign and wrote to the council. Since this pressure has come to bear it has been announced by Steve Barber Chairman of Planning for Broxtowe Borough Council that 1150 houses could be developed on the brownbelt near to the Boots Site. With this new announcement, locations for only 1150 extra homes need to be found, in addition to the existing planning permission for 3850 already granted to enable the council to meet their target of 6150 new houses over the next 15 years in the borough. This is easily achievable without using any green belt as has been proven. Please remind your councillors of this before they allow it to be destroyed.

This is, of course, dependant on whether you accept the councils targets based on data which is four years old which **we do not**. We prefer to use the more recent 2011 census figures which show a predicted growth in the borough of only 3175 people which using an average housing density of 2.4 per house (office of National Statistics) requires only 1322 houses to be built roughly a quarter of what the council says is needed!! Does this mean that we are going to have 4828 empty houses or are going to have them filled by residents from outside the borough? Or, is this because we are taking on other local borough's targets? E.g. the city. All this in the most densely populated borough in the East Midlands!

Please ask your local councillor to explain this to you or to raise this at the next planning meeting for you as they seem very reluctant to do so.

If you would like to help us protect the local green belt areas from being built on e.g Field Farm, Toton, Bardills and help other local areas such as Brindlsey and Greasely from being developed **Invite a Neighbour to Join the Bramcote Conservation Society**. The more members that we have the louder the voice. See below.

STOP PRESS Please also sign the petition to be presented to the House Of Commons to Stop Broxtowe Borough Council removing Field Farm, Stapleford from the Greenbelt. Once removed from the Greenbelt it will ease its unnecessary development. See STRAGS article on Bramcote Today to sign and lodge your opposition.

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Village Weight Restriction.

Finally we have got a weight restriction through Bramcote village of 1.75 tonnes or less, which will hopefully stop the destruction of the roads and stop the vibration to the properties. Thank you to all who helped with the lobbying to achieve this.

Litter

We have been lobbying the council to get the litter collected from the streets as we have received numerous complaints regarding the rubbish from our local fast food outlets on the roads, sweet wrappers and drinks containers on the walkways used by the local school children. The council needs to keep on top of the situation following on from the award that they have won. Is this judged in August when there aren't any school children around?

Bramcote Old Church

Congratulations to the Friends of the Tower in winning two awards recently for the work that they have done in and around the 'Sunken Church'. It is looking good and the support that they have had at their events is great. If you would like to know more please view their new website www.bramcoteoldtower.org and get involved.

Thank you to all for your support, and comments. If you would like to get in-touch please contact me at chair@bramcoteconservation.org or call 0115 9288739.

George Read

Chairman

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