

South Street 55

The South Street 55 Development known as the Oakford Developments now (previous to that and more well known to the Village as the Bradford land) has come back live as the Reserved Matters Planning Application into the Wealden District Council Planning website. The number is:

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Reserved Matters is the next stage of development planning. Very confusing for us mere mortal beings! But here is a basic definition:

“Reserved matters are items that are excluded from an outline planning application because they will be determined by future planning approval, or have not yet been developed to a satisfactory degree.”

Or

“Essentially, outline planning permission = indicative estimates, but by contrast, reserved matters application = actual details.”

Or, for example, Reserved Matters can be these following issues that get decided:

“Access to and within the site, circulation routes and how these fit into the surrounding access network.

Appearance.

Landscaping.

Layout.

Scale.”

The deadline for comments or objections on or to the numerous (about 30) documents on the website is May 27th. Village Concerns is currently studying these documents and will get back to our supporters but of course feel free to respond to Wealden Planning well before then.

Redrow Update

Most of you have noticed that work has begun, most unfortunately on the site for the 205 new homes, even though not all the Conditions have been lifted. especially as they relate to the Sewage / Foul Water Drainage /

Connection to the East Hoathly Wastewater Treatment Plant etc..... Village Concerns has fought tooth and nail with Wealden Planning the last few weeks to get the work stopped and an Enforcement order placed until these issues are sorted. We **attach** the Decision Notice from Wealden Planning re Conditions 18, 19 and 20.

Other relevant issues affecting East Hoathly

We understand that Hesmonds Stud has bought the land we have commonly referred to as the Circle of Oaks land. This is the relatively small piece of land which is the gap at the bottom end of South Street in between the last two sections of housing. It has been the subject of many planning applications and up until now they have all been refused.

This news is of great concern to us all in East Hoathly. The purchase of this land unlocks further countryside, owned by Hesmonds, as far as Chiddingly for development not to mention that the rest of the land on Hesmonds Stud has been offered to WDC as suitable for development. Whilst it is important to stress that no applications have yet been submitted on either piece of aforementioned Hesmonds' land, a desire for development clearly cannot be ruled out. Village Concerns remain vigilant in terms of new planning applications and will advise our supporters should there be any new submissions.

Meanwhile, two long standing members of our Steering Group have left and we thank them so much for their hard work over many years. We need new members especially with the threat and stranglehold that this major landowner has on East Hoathly to continue to fight anymore overdevelopment of the Village. So, please if you yourself are unable to, ask your neighbour or a friend if they are able to do so. Thank you.

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