

## **BURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Open Public Forum for Bury Parish was held at Bury Village Hall, Brookfield Way, Bury on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018

1. **Present and apologies**

Councillors present; Mr.P Brindley, Mr. M Tew, Mr.D Wakefield, Mr. A Johnston, Mr. R Scantlebury, Mr. J Prestage and the Clerk.

District Councillor – Mr S Corney, County Councillor- Mrs A Costello

Mr Anthony Northcote, Neighbourhood Planning

Mr Shailesh Vara, MP

Multiple members of the public (200+)

Mr N Cooper and Mr B Brading of NFC Homes

2. **Apologies**

Cllr Hayes

Cllr Hazel

Cllr K Prestage

Councillor and Chairman P Brindley opened the afternoon's events and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was very well attended by the public. The aim of the meeting; to raise awareness of the potential developments sites within the village of Bury and their possible impact. The presentations made during the meeting are available via the village website [www.buryvillage.co.uk](http://www.buryvillage.co.uk), village noticeboards and social media or by emailing the Clerk at [parish.clerk@buryvillage.co.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@buryvillage.co.uk).

Shailesh Vara, MP made a brief speech, Mr Vara expressed to the audience the importance of taking the time to individually write in to the Planning Authority over planning applications and the importance of making different, comprehensive, arguments against a planning application. The local Planning Authority is Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC), the planning portal where you can make your comments can be found at <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning>, all planning applications are available to view on this site through the simple search options and users can also apply to receive updates on particular planning applications

Bury Parish Clerk has compiled a list of the potential planning sites within Bury and their application numbers to enable villagers to have their say on planning applications via the comments section on the planning portal (HDC). A flow chart appended to these minutes has also been produced to help signpost people to the relevant Councils who are dealing with planning, Local Plan 2036 and the Neighbourhood Plan.

Anthony Northcote of TownPlanning presented the Bury Neighbourhood Plan and in simple terms what the Plan is and its importance to the Village; the Plan is a document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications. Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority (HDC). The Neighbourhood Plan is a powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place. With a neighbourhood plan we will receive 25% of all CIL monies with no cap whereas without one it is only 15% with a £50k cap

Huntingdonshire District Council are responsible for the Local Plan 2036, you can view the Plan here; <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/new-local-plan-to-2036/>

Within this plan are potential sites for development such as the brownfield site RAF Upwood and Clinic site. The site is currently owned by Strawsons and an update on the current position can be found at the end of this document. The RAF site is the ideal location for development within Bury and the Parish Council and District Council are in contact with the owners and will continue to vigorously chase for updates on the site.

Since the meeting the Clerk has compiled the comments cards handed out during the event. Out of 100 cards 40 comments have been received. It was very clear to see the majority response from villagers being the importance of developing the brownfield site (RAF Upwood) along with the correct infrastructure for the Village (and impact on the Town of Ramsey too).

### **STATEMENT FROM STRAWSONS PROPERTY REGARDING THE FORMER RAF UPWOOD SITE**

“Since we obtained planning consent for 160 houses and two hectares of employment land in June 2017 we have been somewhat delayed in progressing with works on site by a number of offers from prospective purchasers to buy the whole site from us.

These offers were based on the prospective purchasers carrying out their own developments including the demolition and remediation of the site.

Consequently we did not progress with the demolition works until these negotiations with the various parties had run their course.

Unfortunately the proposed sales have not occurred and whilst we are still in negotiation with a few interested parties we have made the decision to press on with the site clearance works.

To this end our archaeological consultants have now received the agreement of the County Archaeologist to commence the demolition works (subject to watching brief when any below ground works such as grubbing up roads or foundations are undertaken) to establish if there are any areas of the site that have any archaeological interest.

So the next step is to seek the agreement of HDC to commence the demolition works and to this end our planning consultants are preparing the necessary submission to HDC which should be with them by the end of November 2018 which will clarify exactly which buildings are to be demolished.

The intention is that subject to receiving the approval of HDC to our proposals we will then be able to start the demolition works in January 2019.

**I can assure you and all the residents of Bury that Strawsons Property are committed to bringing this site forward for development and we also fully support the Parish Council in their desire to allocate this brownfield site for residential development within any emerging Neighbourhood Plan.”**

Received by Bury Parish Council 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## COUNCILS AND WHAT THEY DO

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
Your County Councillor;  
Adela Costello

These are responsible for services across the whole of a county, like:

Education	Libraries	Social care	Waste management
Trading standards	Transport	Planning	Fire and public safety

**HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)  
Your District Councillor;  
Steve Corney

These cover a smaller area than county councils. They're usually responsible for services like:

Rubbish collection	Recycling
Council Tax collections	Housing
Planning applications	Local Plan 2036

To view the 2036 Local Plan go to;  
<http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/new-local-plan-to-2036/>

**BURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
[www.buryvillage.co.uk](http://www.buryvillage.co.uk)

They're elected and can help on a number of local issues, like providing:

Allotments	Public clocks	Bus shelters	Community centres
Play areas	play equipment	Grants to help local organisations	

Consultation on neighbourhood planning;

They also have the power to issue fixed penalty fines for things like:

Litter	Graffiti	Fly posting	dog offences
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Caton Trust Land  
No applications made

Upwood Rd  
Larkfleet  
Application 18/01692/FUL

Caton Trust Land  
No applications made

New application  
Meadow Lane  
Abbey Group  
18/02420/FUL

RAF Upwood & Clinic  
Strawsons  
Multiple applications

Developer details unknown  
90 houses allocated

Caton Trust Land  
No applications made

Land off Buryfields  
NFC Homes  
Application 18/02596/OUT

## THE SITES AND THEIR DEVELOPERS

To view current and historical planning applications and their progress please go to

[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning)

### **RAF Upwood Airbase and Clinic Site**

Strawsons Property

[www.strawsonsproperty.com](http://www.strawsonsproperty.com)

Multiple planning applications made, to view go to [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning) and search under "RAF Upwood"

**\*This development is within land submitted for development in the 2036 Local Plan**

### **Land adjacent to Upwood Road**

Larkfleet Homes

[www.larkfleethomes.co.uk](http://www.larkfleethomes.co.uk)

Ref. No: 18/01692/FUL | Received: Wed 08 Aug 2018 | Validated: Fri 10 Aug 2018 |

Status: In progress

Erection of 100 dwellings alongside associated site infrastructure, open space (including provision of play facilities), and landscaping. Land West Of Garden Court And 1 To 16 Upwood Road Bury

**\*This development site is not listed within the Local Plan 2036.**

Larkfleet have the option agreement over Caton Trust sites within Bury, highlighted on the plan.

### **Land off Meadow Lane**

New application received 29.11.18

Abbey Group

[www.taguk.co.uk](http://www.taguk.co.uk)

Ref. No: 18/02420/FUL | Received: Fri 09 Nov 2018 | Validated: Fri 09 Nov 2018 | Status: In progress

Proposed residential development involving the erection of 38 dwellings, public open space provision, landscaping, means of access and associated works. Application received by Bury Parish Council 29.11.18

**\*This development site is not listed within the Local Plan 2036**

### **Land adjacent to Buryfields**

NFC Homes

[www.nfchomes.co.uk](http://www.nfchomes.co.uk)

Ref No; 18/02596/OUT Outline application for development of 91 homes, 150sqm of commercial floor space, landscaping, open space, associated ancillary works and creation of new access following the demolition of 22 Buryfield. All matters reserved except access. Land south of Buryfield, Bury

**\*This development site is not listed within the Local Plan 2036**

**Any comments you would like to make relating to planning applications should be made to the Planning Authority (Huntingdon District Council) via [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning)**

**Please make your comments as an individual.**