



Newsletter October 2016

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Allesley Green Residents' will be affected by the Local Plan Proposal to build on the Green Belt.

The Government Inspector, Mrs Rebecca Phillips completed her initial examination of Coventry City Councils proposal to build on land in Eastern Green, currently classed as Green Belt, on Thursday July 21st. Her examination recommenced after a summer recess on Tuesday 11th October.

The committee of Allesley Green Residents' Association has attended each of the relevant examination meetings thus far and will attend each of the future meetings. The session allocated for the examination of the Green Belt took place on Wednesday 12th October.

We learned during these sessions that residents of Allesley Green would be affected by the proposal to build 2250 homes on current Green Belt in Eastern Green which is known as the Meriden Gap. This gap provides a space between Coventry and Birmingham and prevents urban sprawl. In particular the Council made it known that it was exploring public transport connections to the existing local highway network, especially around Upper Eastern Green Lane, Pickford Green Lane, Appledore Drive and Juniper Drive.

The committee have submitted letters and statements to the Inspector registering our objection to the Council's plan. These are available to view on our website at;

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We continue working with Ward Councillors and Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) to oppose this plan.

Next Meeting of Residents'

You are invited to attend the next meeting of Allesley Green Residents' Association on Tuesday 1st November 2016. The meeting will be at Park Hill School, commencing at 7.00pm. Topics for discussion will include;

Local Plan Examination Update

The Government Inspector will complete her review of the Local Plan on Tuesday 1st November with a review of alternative sites. We will provide an update on the status of the examination process.

Ward Forums

Whilst there has been no decision to stop ward forums council officers have been asked to give careful consideration to whether a forum meeting is necessary and whether it is the best way of dealing with any issues that residents may have. Councillors can make arrangements for them to take place should they be required.

It is noticeable that the last ward meeting was in February 2016 just prior to the announcement of the Local Plan.

Councillor Report

Our three ward councillors have advised that they will be attending the meeting and will be available to respond to residents questions.

Police Report

Sgt Johanna Comer is the new neighbourhood policing sergeant for the four wards of Wainbody, Westwood, Whoberley and Woodlands. Her aim is to help to maintain happy, safe, vibrant and desirable areas to live, work and visit.

We will be provided with the latest crime statistics for our area.

What happened to the wild flowers?



Wild flowers were planted in April across the city to improve the appearance of areas where in order to reduce costs the Council have scaled down the mowing of our parks and green spaces.

Planting in Allesley Green and several other sites across the city has failed to produce the floral display that was intended. The intended display on Woodridge Avenue in particular was not delivered.

It was intended that the seeding of these areas would provide a display for at least two years. Given the poor showing the Council are looking at what alternatives will resolve this problem to ensure that this problem does not recur.

Residents' can obtain wild flowers seeds for free at; www.growwilduk.com.

Grow Wild is the UK's biggest-ever wild flower campaign, bringing people together to transform local spaces with native, pollinator-friendly wild flowers and plants. Supported by the [Big Lottery Fund](#), Grow Wild is the national outreach initiative of the [Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew](#). They have 100,000 packets of seeds to give away.

Juniper Park

Following our success in obtaining funding for an improved play area in Juniper Park we were advised that the Council would commence work on the improvements in late August / early September. The Council have advised that they are running late on a number of projects but hope to commence work on the installation of the new play equipment by the school half term in October.

First Aid Training

We have three residents who have volunteered to take advantage of the free training and certification in First Aid provided by the Council. Do any other residents wish to take advantage of this opportunity?

Dog Fouling

Since we raised this matter in June it would appear that we have had less of a problem.

As we stated at that time our local dog owners are responsible pet owners who take pride in looking after their dogs and our local environment.

It would appear that we have had fewer non residents' arriving in cars to walk the area and this would seem to reinforce that they were the main culprits. Have they stopped coming because the grass has not not been cut?

Quiz Night / Fish Supper

In conjunction with St Andrews Church, we are planning to hold a Quiz Evening on Friday 4th November with a fish supper also supplied. The venue will be the Massey Ferguson Social Club on Broad Lane at 7.00pm. This will provide an excellent opportunity to get together with family and friends in a friendly competitive environment.

You are welcome to invite family, friends or ideally neighbours to make up teams of no more than six. Teams will also be created on the evening for individuals or couples who wish to attend.

If you are interested in attending please contact your local committee member as this will enable us to establish the number of attendees and their fish supper preferences. The ticket price is £9 for adults and £5 for children. There is a choice of fish, pie or chicken with chips.

Our Mission

We live in a beautiful part of the city with the lowest crime figures in the area and we want to keep it that way, so let's be good neighbours by looking out for and talking to each other. Active residents' can ensure that we maintain and improve our environment and develop our community spirit.