

The Old Colliery Site – Stanton Wick

Urgent News – From Stanton Wick Action Group

ROAD- SHOW visits Stanton Drew Village Hall on Thursday 7th June

The event will be open from 3pm until 7pm and you are invited to attend and have a close look at what BaNES are proposing for the Former Colliery Site in Stanton Wick

Whilst almost all residents know what is proposed and have already expressed their opinion and reservations we think it is worth attending this event and asking questions of the Council representatives in attendance

We will have a table in the Village Hall and a representative of our Group and the Parish Council will be available to answer questions and offer guidance

We will have a list of questions that you may want to use

We will shortly distribute guidance on completion of your Response Form (when we have clarification from BaNES) and will distribute a copy of the comments and responses which your fellow residents are making, some of which you may wish to use in your response. Please note that this form does not need to be returned until 18th July

Stanton Drew Parish Council is running a surgery on Sunday 17th June between 2 - 5pm at the Village Hall to help complete your Response Form (please see Judith's letter overleaf).

UPDATE

We are continuing to press the Cabinet of BaNES to call a halt to this catastrophe of a project and sham of a consultation and are preparing to take our fight for open, responsible and competent local government much further. We all sincerely hope that this costly and time consuming exercise of defending the Green Belt and our rural communities will shortly end and BaNES decide to take another look at the number of pitches needed and then set out a site evaluation and consultation process that is open, fair and transparent.

However we must be prepared for the possibility that they will decide to continue in what we all see as a deeply flawed and damaging process – and we are.

We believe that the majority of councillors must see the errors both in the process and the site appraisals and will call for a halt as our local Councillor has done.

A big thank you to all of us, the residents of Stanton Drew, Stanton Wick, Pensford and Publow who have done such a brilliant job in coming together so quickly and giving our time, energy and money to push against this shocking and almost unbelievable proposal from a Council that so far has arrogantly refused to listen to the comprehensive and compelling arguments that show the errors of both their disregard of communication with their ratepayers and their bungled appraisal of potential sites.

We are proud to live in these communities and are determined to protect them from those who want to wipe away the Green Belt and the majority of their planning policy in a mad, hasty rush to fulfill a politically driven commitment and to make a political point.

Lastly, let us all say a big thank you to those who have come forward with their donations and underwriting loans, a fantastic result so far - keep it going please!

Keep up the good work – another push and please remember to tell us news and copy your correspondence.

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Dear Parishioner,

Re; BaNES proposal for the Old Colliery site – answering the Preferred Options Response Form.

Attached to this letter is the BaNES response form, which the Parish Council would be appreciative if you would take the time to fill in and return to Planning Services before **5pm, 18th July**.

Acknowledging that it is not the most transparent document to fill in, I would like to offer you help in completing the form, should you want help. To this end the Parish Council will be holding a surgery on **Sunday 17th June at Stanton Drew Village Hall between 2-5pm**.

If you can't make these times then please contact me and I will try to accommodate you.

The Parish Council very much appreciates all the letters and emails you have sent so far to BaNES, please keep it up!

Yours sincerely

Judith Chubb-Whittle

Chair, Stanton Drew Parish Council