



November Newsletter – Local Plan Edition

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Please accept our apologies for another newsletter so soon after the last one but we felt you ought to be aware of developments with the Local Plan and planning applications in the Parish.

The revised application for the 48 houses on Spring Lane has been submitted and you should have seen notices around the village to tell you about the drop in session on Saturday 10th November from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm in the Village Hall (top floor Meeting Room). Please attend if you need more information on how to comment on the application – which closes on 23rd November. The Parish Council has already objected in the strongest terms along with the Spring Lane group to the original application and will be considering this again at its planning meeting on Thursday evening, 8th November. Please attend the drop in session and for more information or go to <https://www.savespringlane.co.uk/>

This leads on to the next planning application – a revised scheme for 65 houses at Almsford Bank. Again this development will infringe on our precious Special Landscape Area (SLA) of the Crimple Valley. The PC objected to the original application in April and will be considering the revised scheme on 8th November but the response date for this is much sooner – 9th November. Residents local to the application site supported by Arrowsmith Associates are putting together an objection and the Parish Council will be considering supporting this at its meeting.

It is important for residents to be aware that the two applications above – if approved – set a very dangerous precedent for protection of the SLA and will be outside the Local Plan. If HBC refuses the applications, the developers - like they did at Rossett Green Lane – might go to appeal and if they win, THERE IS NO RIGHT OF APPEAL BY RESIDENTS OR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL. Development will be free to commence and a precedent will have been set when considering the Local Plan. So it's important that residents object in the strongest terms to both applications.

For the Local Plan itself, we now have a date for the start of the Planning Inspector's review of HBC's Local Plan (called Regulation 24) – 15th January – but we do not yet have further details. We will let all residents know when we do. With our consultants (Arrowsmith Associates, who with others have been engaged to assist us in forming and presenting our objections) and other local groups we will be pulling together the strongest case for objecting to the Local Plan proposals in our area. We will keep everyone advised as to progress.

For reference, the most recent newsletter is always posted on both of the Village Notice Boards (at the Memorial Hall and at St Robert's Church) and all newsletters are posted on the website here: <http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/Documents.aspx>

Also, if you use Facebook, please join our group where you'll get any breaking news more quickly than through these periodic newsletters:
<https://www.facebook.com/Pannal-and-Burn-Bridge-Parish-Council-1655335551445518/>

Best wishes,

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