



## Barton in Fabis Parish Council Newsletter December 2008

### ‘The Gateway to Hell’

You will probably have seen the propaganda leaflet produced by Barratt Developments, which reveals the extent of the damage they would like to think can be inflicted on the people of Barton, Gotham, Thrumpton, Ruddington and Clifton.

After delivering a leaflet and holding an exhibition in Clifton, we believe that an application will be submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council as early as February next year. We will be able to object to the application once it is submitted – the Parish Council will write out again with more details when we have them.

All that needs saying at the moment is that the application is a disgraceful attempt to get approval for development in complete disregard of the work that is being done by the local authorities around Nottingham to come up with a strategic solution to which sites in the area are most suitable for development. There are two studies that will be subject to public consultation in the New Year:

- an appraisal of all the sites considered as potential areas for Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) – details are at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/appraisalofsustainableurbanexts.pdf>; and
- a ‘Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment’ (SHLAA) – details at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/environment/planningmatters/regionalspatialstrategy/strategichousinglandavailabilityassessments.htm>

Until these consultations are over, no planning applications of this nature are appropriate or justifiable.

There are two things we can all do at the moment –

- send back the leaflet with suitable comments that say exactly what you think of Barratt Developments and this proposal; and
- attend the exhibition in January, where you will be able to tell the people who represent them what your views are – the Parish Council will write again before the exhibition, with more information that you can use to challenge the developers if you want to.

Needless to say, we will also be asking for a huge response when the planning application is eventually submitted.

In the meantime, enjoy your Christmas!

## Environment Agency and Fly Tipping

Everyone can help the Environment Agency make a difference. If you see anyone dumping waste, report it to the Environment Agency straight away on the free 24hr Incident Hotline 0800 80 70 60. Shun cheap rogue traders and make sure you use registered waste carriers when you have to dispose of waste. It's really easy to check a company's registration on the Environment Agency website at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) or by calling 08708 506 506.

## Buy with Confidence

Buy with Confidence is an approved trader list which includes builders, plumbers, gardeners and a whole host of other businesses. All the companies have been vetted by trading standards officers to ensure they are solvent, adequately insured and don't have a history of ripping off customers. To use the scheme go to [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) and enter your postcode or call 08454 04 05 06

## Plant an Oak Tree

The County Council will plant an oak tree in Sherwood Forest in your name when you recycle your Christmas tree. Deliver your tree to your local recycling site and collect an acorn voucher. You will also receive a specially designed coin and scroll.

## East Midlands Parkway Junction

Work is now well advanced on creating a new junction on the A453 trunk road between the M1 motorway (Junction 24) and Nottingham. The work is necessary to provide access to the new East Midlands Parkway rail-based Park and Ride facility which Network Rail is building beside Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station.

The A453 will be widened locally to provide additional lanes through the new junction. The scheme, which is being funded by Network Rail under an agreement with the Highways Agency, will also include road lighting, signage and other ancillary works. The works to build the junction are planned to be substantially completed before Christmas, although some work will continue into early 2009.

In the New Year, to allow completion of the junction, temporary traffic signals may also be used on Sundays. If any night or weekend closures of the A453 are required, then these will be advised well in advance with diversionary routes clearly signed.

## Parish Council & Other Contact Information

Traditionally the Parish Council has met on a Monday evening but this clashes with other events in the Village Hall and meetings will in future be every other month on a Tuesday. Residents may request an item to be included on the agenda by contacting the clerk and everyone is welcome to attend meetings and time will be made available to address the council on any items of local concern. The next meetings will be on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, details of meetings are posted on the notice outside the Village Hall and on the web at [www.bartoninfabispc.org.uk](http://www.bartoninfabispc.org.uk)

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