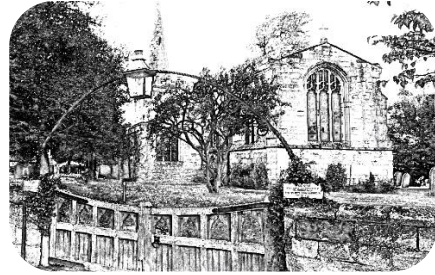


# **Barton in Fabis Parish Council** **Newsletter**



**November 2021**

Dear Villager

We hope this newsletter will bring you up to date with the local issues affecting life in the village. Please remember if there is anything you need help with or something about which the council should be aware just get in touch. There is a full list of contacts at the end of this newsletter.

Fighting the Planning Application for the quarry has been taking up a lot of everyone's time.

Over **1700 objections** have been made to the County Council about the Planning Application so a **BIG THANKYOU** to everybody – it's a fantastic result and proves that the village remains united against the destruction of our local countryside!

## **PLEASE NOTE**

The County Council is still accepting emails and letters, but this is the last chance to have your say during the consultation period. **Please refer to the notes at the end of this newsletter for details of how to have your say.** If you have already objected to the Planning Application, **we also remind you to send a copy to the Councillors on the Planning Committee** (details again at the end of the newsletter)

It may seem that things have gone a little quiet recently, but working with the SAVE Campaign Group representing all of the local communities, a huge amount of work has been going on in the background. Some highlights are:

- We have secured the backing of and objection to the scheme from:
  - o Ruth Edwards MP and Lilian Greenwood MP
  - o Rushcliffe Borough Council
  - o Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, CPRE, Ramblers Association, Woodland Trust

We're monitoring responses from other consultees and Council officers making sure, wherever possible, they recognise the impact this application could have on the wildlife and communities around us.

We're preparing our presentation to the Planning Committee. At the time of going to press we are still awaiting the date when the application will be considered.

**The fight continues!**

Best wishes from

*Your Parish Councillors*



**Radcliffe on Soar Power Station  
Redevelopment  
Nuclear Fusion Plant at Ratcliffe on Soar  
Development Corporation  
Freeport  
Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan**

## **Ratcliffe upon Soar Power Station Redevelopment**

The Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station redevelopment is gathering momentum. The power station will close October 2024. The site will be selectively cleared from then until 2030. The substations connected to the grid will remain as will all existing power lines, but the cooling towers will be demolished.

The site will comprise three distinct developments (see below). Within the existing power station site there will be areas for development by Uniper (the current site owner) and the Development Corporation. Part of the Freeport will be south of the A453 and since this does not require any demolition is likely to be promoted first with a target proposal by summer 2022 with a target of September 2026 for start of occupancy. The site for the Freeport is owned by the power station and is technically Green Belt.

The Development Corporation site may also hold the Nuclear Fusion Power Plant STEP development (cost £15bn, decision summer 2022) and the Uniper Waste Burning Power Plant. There may be a hydrogen plant the details of which are unclear.

## **Development Corporation**

Government funding has been made available to accelerate economic development in particular areas. Often as partnerships between public and private sector bodies, Development Corporations co-ordinate growth plans, attract investment and act as their own planning authority outside the usual process. This has the advantage of being able to act quickly, but risks bypassing local scrutiny and accountability.

Rushcliffe, working alongside other local authorities, has submitted an initial business case to government for funding of a development corporation that would include the power station (for making); Toton HS2 station/Chetwynd Barracks (for living); and the Airport (for moving). (Although we have heard that the final HS2 site may not be Toton and that a revised decision is imminent.)

The next stage involves detailed plans being developed for government scrutiny. We continue to stress the importance of genuine local involvement and engagement so that the redevelopment is done with us rather than to us.

## **Freeport**

This is a separate proposal that would see the Power Station linked with the Airport and land at Toyota Island to create a secure customs zone where goods can arrive, be processed, and leave without incurring tariffs.

Businesses operating within a freeport benefit from a range of tax incentives and the local area benefits from 100% rates uplift.

As with the development corporation proposal, the work currently being undertaken is to develop a business case for government funding after being shortlisted in March with 9 other (all coastal) freeport locations. The Government has indicated that it would like to see the site managed under a planning arrangement called a Local Development Order. Please read the message from Rex Walker below for a fuller explanation.

## **Want to know more?**

**Please note:** Presentations on the future plans are to be made at Thrumpton (village hall) on 30<sup>th</sup> November 3pm to 7pm and Gotham (Memorial hall) 7<sup>th</sup> December also 3pm to 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **Nuclear Fusion Power Plant (STEP development)**

You may have seen in the national news that Ratcliffe on Soar is now one of the final 5 sites to be shortlisted as possible locations for the Fusion Reactor test site. The next phase of assessment will be working with the shortlisted sites and local communities to gain a more in-depth understanding of the socio-economic, commercial and technical conditions associated with each site, before a final recommendation is made to the Secretary of State in 2022. The target date for completion of the eventual plant is 2040.

## **Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan**

Greater Nottingham Councils comprising the Borough Councils of Rushcliffe, Broxtowe, Gedling and Erewash together with Nottingham City Council and Nottingham County Council have issued a consultation paper on the Strategic Plan for the Greater Nottingham area up until 2038. This covers a range of issues such as infrastructure and the design of the places in which we live but the main focus is on where housing development should take place. There is currently a great deal of debate between the City and surrounding districts as to the location of housing.

The five local Parish Councils have worked together to make submissions and we await a response to the consultation.

Further details about the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan can be found at [gnplan.org.uk](http://gnplan.org.uk)

## **Fairham development**

The work at Fairham continues to be focussed on installation of roads, drainage and other infrastructure prior to letting plots out to house builders. The programme has slowed due to the rising cost and poor availability of building materials.

If you want any more information, please see [www.fairhamlife.co.uk](http://www.fairhamlife.co.uk)



### **Planning Applications**

**Top Yard Farm  
Oliver's Yard  
Chestnut Farm  
Chestnut Lane  
Rectory Place  
Manor Road**

## **Top Yard farm**

Many will have seen that demolition work has started on site. The Parish Council has been given contact details for the developers, so if any residents have concerns, please get in touch with any of the Parish Councillors.

Note: We have also been asked to raise concerns about parked cars on Rectory Place which could restrict access for emergency vehicles. We appreciate that space is tight, but please park with care.

The developers would like suggestions about naming the site and houses so if anyone wishes to be involved please let us know.

## **Oliver's Yard**

We have been notified of the following by Rushcliffe Borough Council:

"Breach of planning control - Unauthorised demolition of livestock barn and construction of storage building with office accommodation and change of use from Agricultural to storage for Agricultural contractors and offices". We are advised by Rushcliffe that the applicant has offered a planning application to allow the council to determine whether this unit should be approved or not. The Borough Council has, to date, accepted this offer in good faith.

## **Chestnut Farm**

A retrospective application (21/02345/FUL) for the rebuilding and extension of one of the outbuildings at Chestnut Farm has been received and the Parish Council has submitted its comments. We await a decision from Rushcliffe.

### **Chestnut Lane**

We are pleased to see that the County Council has resurfaced the road outside Chestnut Farm and that the kerb has been removed so that the whole area can be used as part of the highway.

### **7 Rectory Place**

Rear Extension – Refused

### **6 Manor Road**

Extension to garage and conversion to home office – Pending decision

## **Consultations & things you may want to write about.**

### **IMPORTANT - Parish Boundary and Local Elections**

The Local Government Boundary Commission have drafted a proposed plan for new ward boundaries in Rushcliffe following earlier consultation.



Unfortunately, they are proposing that the Barton Parish Boundary remains unchanged meaning we will be merged with Fairham Pastures and no longer be part of the ward including Thrumpton, Gotham, Kingston and Ratcliffe. This issue affects us all! **The Parish Council is opposed to this proposal as the influence of Barton Village and links with similar communities will be reduced.** A copy of the submission to be made jointly by all the parishes in the area is on the Parish Council website [bartoninfabispc.org.uk](http://bartoninfabispc.org.uk)

**We are urging all residents to have their say and oppose the plans.**

For more information and to see the consultation document go to:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/27236>

### **Airport Noise**

The Parish Council met other local Parish Councils to discuss the evident increase in flight traffic and noise to see what can be done to reduce its impact on the area. We have formed a joint group to lobby the airport,

The routes taken by aircraft taking off are dependent on wind direction and it is true that around 80% actually take off in the direction away from Barton and Thrumpton etc. However, the increase in noise appears to be the result of a) increased training flights and b) an increase in cargo flights using older and noisier aircraft partly to make up for a reduction in passenger flights which used to carry some cargo. East Midlands Airport remains one of the least regulated major airports in terms of night time flights.

Parishes to the south and west have been more active with their complaints. EMA claim that they register very few complaints and we appear to 'suffer in silence'. If you are affected, **it's**

**essential that you register your complaint by email to**

**[community@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto:community@eastmidlandsairport.com) or by phone 0845 1088540 or filling out the online**

**Noise Complaint form at <https://complaints-eu.emsbk.com/ema5>. A time of the incident and if possible, the airline involved is ideal.**

## Messages from our local councillors.

**County Councillor:** Matt Barney Email: [cllr.matt.barney@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.matt.barney@nottscc.gov.uk) Phone: 07788 682 696



Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent County Council "BIG NOTTS SURVEY". Early results show that key priorities of Nottinghamshire residents are the ongoing maintenance of quality highways and environmental concerns / making Nottinghamshire greener. The results of the survey will influence future Council strategy. Detailed results will be published soon.

The County Council are keen to benefit from The Governments devolution plans as detailed in the Levelling Up White Paper. Consequently, work has been taking place at considerable pace in recent weeks to put together a Nottinghamshire devolution deal that would see the County and the City receive significant levels of economic investment. This involves close cooperation of local government and political parties across the County. If successful, it will pave the way to significant investment in Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire services. For more information please see: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/newsroom/news/devolution-vision-for-nottingham-and-nottinghamshire>

I was pleased to attend the first Nottinghamshire Day celebrations at County Hall on the 25th of August. The day itself was successful in raising Nottinghamshire's profile with #NottinghamshireDay trending as high as twelfth nationally on Twitter. Many newspapers and other media outlets published articles and pictures about the event.

The County Council have implemented a number of measures related to adult social care and public health. These include a new Adult Social Care Strategy, improving outcomes for survivors of domestic abuse, and an investment of over £3.3 million to provide the required resources to manage ongoing adult social care issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am delighted to have been asked to attend a suicide prevention training day hosted by our local self-harm and suicide prevention charity, HARMLESS. We are all aware of the increased pressures post COVID, and I would encourage all of us who feel that we may not be coping to reach out and get help. I'm grateful to HARMLESS and others for the support they provide to so many.

And finally, we delight in the good news that Clifton Bridge has fully reopened! Thank you everyone for your incredible patience with these works that seemed to last forever!

Please feel free to get in touch with me if I can help with any matter.



**Borough Councillor:** Rex Walker. Email: [cllr.rwalker@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.rwalker@rushcliffe.gov.uk) Phone: 07812 146386

We are now at the stage of learning detail of the 'how' 'what and 'when' the Power Station redevelopment will happen. Rushcliffe have been working with Uniper, the owners of the power station, on a Local Development Order (LDO).

This is a specific planning tool by which planning authorised can set the planning framework for a particular area and bring forward development. LDOs provide permitted development rights for specified types of development in defined locations to help accelerate the delivery of appropriate development by simplifying the planning process and making investment more attractive to developers. Subject to approval by Rushcliffe's cabinet, two public consultation events will be held locally with more details. I would remind all that there is a significant amount of land, currently in the greenbelt, on the south side of the A453 that is included in the proposals. The

events are scheduled for 3pm-7pm in Thrumpton Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> November and also 3pm-7pm in Gotham Memorial Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

I was pleased that Rushcliffe's Planning Committee maintained its previously held objection to the quarry planning application at its recent meeting. This was helped in no small part by the staggering quality and quantity of work that continues to go on by the SAVE campaign group, whose efforts I marvel at.

## Other contacts and Parish Council

**MP:** Ruth Edwards Email: [ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk) Phone 0207 219 3000

### Facebook Community Site



Some of you may be aware that a couple of villagers have set up a community page on Facebook which some may find interesting and increasingly informative as life returns to normal. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692510507582700>

**Police contacts** Contact details for the local police if you need them:

Email; [Kelly.carlile@nottinghamshire.police.uk](mailto:Kelly.carlile@nottinghamshire.police.uk) Mobile 07725925330 or by phone; ring 101 ext 3101530

### Parish Council contacts:

<b>Julian Coles</b> ☎ 0115 983 0788	<b>Diane Harrison</b> ☎ 0115 983 0640	<b>Bill Harrison</b> <i>Vice Chairman</i> ☎ 0115 983 0313	<b>Allan Kerr</b> <i>Chairman</i> ☎ 0115 983 0596	<b>Helen Fletcher</b> ☎ 0115 983 0013
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**Clerk to the Council:** Bev Angell ☎ 0115 983 1237 [Clerk@bartoninfabispc.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@bartoninfabispc.org.uk)

**Parish Council website:** [bartoninfabispc.org.uk](http://bartoninfabispc.org.uk)

## HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE QUARRY PLANNING APPLICATION

**Refer to Barton / Mill Hill Quarry Ref ES/3712**

1) Email: [development.management@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@nottscc.gov.uk)

Or

2) Write to:

**Nottinghamshire County Council  
Development Management Team  
County Hall  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham NG2 7QP**

### YOU MUST:

- Include reference to Barton / Mill Hill Quarry Ref ES/3712
- Include your full name and address with postcode or response will not count

- Everyone in your household can send in a response as well as friends and relatives wherever they live in the country

If you wish, you can drop your letters in to any Parish Councillor and we will ensure they are delivered.

Please also send a copy to all the Councillors on the Planning Committee:

Email:

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**You can find details of lots of points you can make on:**  
**Barton-in-fabis.net**

