



HaShTAG, Hatherley & Shurdington Triangle Action Group - HaShTAG

HELP - YOUR COUNTRYSIDE NEEDS YOU

A planning application has been submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council by Redcliffe Homes to build **500 houses plus commercial buildings**, for offices & shops on the Green Belt land between Up Hatherley Way & Chargrove Lane.

This must be stopped, we do not believe this application should be allowed for the following reasons.

1. Up Hatherley Way is a strong 'permanent' Green Belt boundary and **the application does not meet the "very special circumstances"** needed to allow building on the Green Belt. If allowed it would halve the Green Belt between Up Hatherley & Shurdington.
2. The Chargrove site has a **very sensitive setting** in the landscape, both for views from Leckhampton Hill and from Up Hatherley and towards the hills.
3. A large number of trees, all currently protected by a tree preservation order, would be **felled** if development was allowed. These include a rare surviving Traditional Perry orchard that has protected 'Priority Habitat' status and is also included on Gloucestershire's HER (**H**istoric **E**nvironment **R**ecord). The orchard, the surrounding hedgerows and trees provide an irreplaceable habitat for a large number of endangered bats, birds and other wildlife.
4. Any increase in traffic numbers, which could be in **excess of 1000 cars from 500 houses**, will have a serious impact on Shurdington Road & the Arle Court roundabout, which already struggle with the weight of traffic.
5. Chargrove Lane and the footpaths off the Lane provide an **easily accessible, free, health and leisure amenity** for the local & wider communities to enjoy. It provides a safe place for walking, jogging & cycling whilst giving the feeling that you are in the middle of the countryside.

Chargrove Lane is **unique** around Cheltenham, still unspoilt by development & traffic on the edge of the large Up Hatherley housing estates.

Redcliffe's development would inevitably take away this countryside experience from you & your family.

6. **There is no planning policy to support this application**, neither in the **JCS** (Joint Core Strategy, which is almost finalised), nor in the Cheltenham or Tewkesbury Local Plans. It is purely a speculative application for the developer's profit.

We need to let Tewkesbury Borough Council ("TBC") know why we object to this development proposal.

Please give TBC your comments on this application by 31/10/2017*, making sure you quote the reference number 17/00924/OUT, by either:-

- Access TBC's planning website & use their Public Access system to make your comments:
<http://publicaccess.tewkesbury.gov.uk/online-applications>
(enter the reference number (above) and Search, then Register and add your comments); or
- send an email to TBC - DevelopmentApplications@tewkesbury.gov.uk ; or
- send a letter to: Development Manager, Borough Development, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Council Offices, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 5TT.

IF THERE ARE TWO OR MORE PEOPLE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IT IS PREFERABLE TO EACH SEND AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE RATHER THAN A SINGLE JOINT RESPONSE.

Support your local campaign group HaShTAG and help us save your countryside.

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- * **STOP PRESS – We understand that the consultation period has now been extended to 16/11/2017. However please do not delay.**