

LECKHAMPTON GREEN LAND ACTION GROUP (LEGLAG) June 2013

Newbridge Construction has submitted an application to Tewkesbury Borough Council for 175 houses on fields at Brizen Farm, off the Shurdington Road, close to Morrison's roundabout. This affects **EVERYONE**. **Development here would greatly increase the danger to other local fields we are trying to protect!**

A two day exhibition was held in December 2012 at the Hatherley & Reddings Cricket Club, Shurdington. The Parish Council and LEGLAG organised an exit poll to gauge public opinion on this controversial **Greenbelt** development; 198 people attended, with 186 opposing the plans and only 7 in support.

EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER RESPONDING TO THIS APPLICATION NOW COULD HELP TO SAVE THESE GREEN FIELDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Representations can be made via the website at www.tewkesbury.gov.uk or submitted by email to developmentapplications@tewkesbury.gov.uk Alternatively, you can write to the: Planning Department, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5TT **quoting application number 13/00415/OUT** The TBC Planning Officer is Mr Adam White, Direct Dial 01684 272019
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You can find the application via the following link: <http://www.leglag.org.uk> (and look for latest news)

The TBC Planning website is now open for comments, or alternatively comments can be made by emails and/or letters. Formally we only have 22 days to respond, taking us to 21st June, but Mr Adam White has said that the TBC Planning Website will be open for comment right up to the date of the Planning Committee, the same applies to your emails and letters; the Planning Committee is not expected to consider this application until August. **We recommend that you respond at your first opportunity, bearing in mind the impending summer holidays.** We think that the most important reasons are those listed below, but it is more effective to comment in your own words, as this is better received by the Council. However, of course, there will be other points of view you may wish to raise.

BELOW ARE SOME CONCERNS OF LEGLAG, AND RESIDENTS, EXPRESSED AT THE EXHIBITIONS

- **The proposed development is in the Greenbelt, contrary to the Local Plan. Greenbelt boundaries should not be changed except by a new Plan, so the application is premature.**
- **Site is marked Red (no development) in the Joint Core Strategy's recent Greenbelt review.**
- **This area is part of the Shurdington and Cheltenham Greenbelt; CBC should be consulted through the JCS if development is to be considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council.**
- **Development here would add further traffic congestion to both Shurdington Road and Church Road, we already have tailbacks every morning & evening and air quality is now breaking EU limits on both these roads. This is now a serious health risk, last year the whole of Cheltenham was made an Air Quality Management Zone – when will the developers take this seriously!**
- **Flooding has already impacted on Warden Hill, with over 40 homes flooded in 2007. Only a minimal flood protection scheme has been put in place on a small section of the Shurdington Road, the surface water runoff from Leckhampton Hill causes regular flooding of the fields; the fields currently protect homes from flood risk.**
- **Local Schools are all over subscribed and little local employment opportunities.**
- **Damage to Valuable Landscape and Amenity.**
- **Loss of wildlife corridor between Shurdington and Leckhampton which connects the Cotswold AONB to the wider Vale.**
- **Loss of valuable farm land for local food production.**
- **Cheltenham Circular Walk is a part of the proposed site.**
- **Footpaths used for recreational purposes on this site will be lost for everyone.**
- **This application could be the first Phase of two or three further developments on the Newbridge Construction-owned lands, which stretch way up to Leckhampton Lane.**

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More information, and this leaflet, can be found on the Leglag website: www.leglag.org.uk

Outline Planning Application for 175 houses on the Greenbelt at Brizen Farm – Application

