

Ledbury Town Council: 11 June 2015

Herefordshire Councillor Report: Ledbury South Ward.

Cllr Emma Holton

Planning

The County planning committee has yet to convene, the first meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 June 2015.

As I am sure many in this room are aware we have had yet another planning application from Gladman Developments on the Leadon Way site for 321 homes, this second application was submitted some six weeks after the original application was refused and Gladman have sought an appeal.

This second application has been refused under delegated powers, with my consent due to the fact that it was deemed to be an exact replication of the first application and will give little publicity to Gladman as a company.

Main reasons including:

- Fundamental conflict between the functions of the A417 and the by-pass for Ledbury
- Sustainability, the development would be poorly linked to the town centre and schools
- Core strategy, the development is in conflict with the identified 800 dwellings for Ledbury.
- By virtue of its unacceptable landscaping which fails to meet environmental requirements
- The application is not accompanied by a completed section 106 agreement which is contrary to the UDP

However, with the appeal due in late September, date to be allocated, it is worth noting that the Neighbourhood Plan for Ledbury is still not in place and has not reached regulation stage 16 when it can a material

consideration. With the bottom line being that without the neighbourhood plan in place Ledbury will have little control over proceedings.

Balfour Beatty

In terms of representing the Ledbury South Ward a meeting has been arranged with the locality Manager and all issues that have arisen will give due discussion and action. I will be able to give more details in the next report.

If any town councillors have issues that arisen in Ledbury South Ward, please contact me by email or telephone

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