

# 500 NEW HOUSES IN PARISH!

Developers Barratt Homes are threatening a major urban expansion into Bredon Parish. They have submitted an outline planning application for 500 houses at Mitton Bank, immediately east of Tewkesbury Road between Bredon's Hardwick and Mitton. If it is permitted, it is expected to be the first phase in a development of 1100 houses. To put this in context, Bredon village consists of around 850 homes.

## THE PARISH COUNCIL BELIEVES THERE IS A STRONG CASE FOR REFUSING THE APPLICATION ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS

- The proposal conflicts with the Bredon Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which prevents development outside the villages except on sites allocated in the South Worcestershire Development Plan. Any new homes at this location must be properly brought forward through the SWDP review process.
- The Neighbourhood Plan was adopted last year following a referendum in which 90% of those voting supported the plan. If Localism is to mean anything, Neighbourhood Plans must be upheld.
- No new transport links have been proposed under the scheme. Without such links, the Strategic Road Network will suffer from unsustainable congestion and road safety will be reduced. Small local roads will experience an unsafe increase in traffic due to rat-running. There would be increased vehicle emissions in the already dangerously polluted Tewkesbury Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).
- By developing the frontage along Tewkesbury Road, the proposal would damage the rural setting of Bredon's Hardwick, harm Key Views identified in the Neighbourhood Plan, and destroy much of the iconic hedge flanking the road.
- The site lies within 2 miles of the Cotswold AONB and falls within its setting. Key views out of the AONB from Bredon Hill would be negatively impacted.
- The proposals could increase flood risk to Tewkesbury in certain weather conditions, as the water storage capacity of existing grassland is replaced by hard surfaces.

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

The Parish Council urges you to email or write to the planning officer [Jonathan Edwards, Development Manager (South), Wychavon District Council, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT; email: [jonathan.edwards@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.edwards@wychavon.gov.uk)]. **You should quote Wychavon Planning Reference 18/00771.** Please feel free to repeat the points above or make points of your own. **Comments should reach Wychavon before 14<sup>th</sup> June** (although later comments may also be considered). You are encouraged to copy in your Wychavon councillor Cllr Adrian Hardman ([aihardman@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:aihardman@worcestershire.gov.uk)) and local MP, Harriett Baldwin ([harriett.baldwin.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:harriett.baldwin.mp@parliament.uk)).

## PUBLIC MEETING

The Parish Council will hold a public meeting in the **Chandler Room of Bredon Village Hall at 6:15pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. The purpose of the meeting is to share any information about the application and to hear the views of residents.