

## **A RESPONSE FROM THE BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Inspector

On behalf of Burton Green Parish Council I would like to raise a few points on the discussions which took place on H24, the site at Burrow Hill Nursery.

### **THE PLAYING FIELD**

There was a confusion about the actual proposal of the developer. It was the intention of the owner to provide car parking and a playing field for the school, a small green space for residents and a village hall. However the village hall trustees decided that the village hall should be located on the opposite side of Red Lane. Unfortunately in the revised Local Plan, the car parking and the playing field were omitted. I contacted the Planning Department on this error and in an email June 1<sup>st</sup>; Lorna Caldicott wrote "We should update this in the plan". So it is back in and it includes the playing field.

The playing field was an essential part of the proposal, not just because it improved the facilities of the school but because it freed up part of their existing land for a possible two extra classrooms which will ensure the future of the school.

### **DELIVERABILITY.**

The intentions of Cala Homes to build houses on this site in the allocated time were questioned. However the developer wanted to build these houses months ago. A meeting took place with representatives of the Planning Department, the Parish Council and Cala Homes in an attempt to start building on the grounds of exceptional circumstances. Residents near to the line were selling their houses to HS2 Ltd and moving out of the village. The development at Burrow Hill gave them an option to stay in the village but in reality most of them wanted a clean break. A number of landowners from within Burton Green have suggested alternative sites for development, however, the results of the three questionnaires carried out over the last five years show support for the Burrow Hill site. At this present moment, we are in the process of consulting with Cala Homes who are anxious to start building.

### **HS2 AND NOISE**

It was soon evident in the proceedings on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> that there were serious misunderstandings about the present position of HS2 in Burton Green, not only with noise but in the construction process. However it is important to understand that the noise projections of HS2 have been challenged at the Select Committee by noise specialists who believe that HS2 Ltd may be underestimating the impact of noise. Certainly the Burton Green community remain anxious but we do recognise that the modifications to the portals will reduce the noise.

Finally I do hope you visit Burton Green and look at the proposed sites. Though we are a ribbon development, we are blessed with some wonderful open spaces. You will also find that there is a strong rural feel about the village with a strong community spirit and residents would be shocked if Burton Green was seen as just a suburb of Coventry.

Paul Knight, Clerk of Burton Green Parish Council.