

LOGGERHEADS PLANNING UPDATE

Loggerheads has been subject to significant interest from housing developers over the past year. The following applications have been permitted for future development by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.



Eccleshall Road, Hookgate (16 houses): Outline planning permission was given in September 2015. In August 2016 the Planning Committee considered an application to remove the need for affordable housing to be included on this site. This was refused. Further information on the layout and type of housing will have to be submitted and permitted before any building can proceed.

Eccleshall Road, opposite Broom Lea, Loggerheads (55 houses): Outline planning permission was approved on 2nd February 2017. Further Information on layout and housing type will have to be submitted before the permission is fully approved and building can commence.

Mucklestone Road, next to Price Close, Loggerheads (78 houses): Full planning permission was approved in April 2017. The Parish Council had objected to plans submitted in September 2016, including the layout, with all affordable housing located together and the type of play equipment. Amended plans were submitted in March 2017 with affordable housing being 'pepper potted' across the site and a children's play area with proper play equipment. The Parish Council is disappointed that there are no bungalows on the site.

Tadgedale Quarry, Loggerheads (128 houses): Submitted initially in March 2015 and refused by the Planning Committee of the Borough Council. Resubmitted March 2016 and again refused. The first application was then appealed and a Planning Inspector heard the appeal at an inquiry in February 2017. The Parish Council applied for "Rule 6 status", whereby they could attend as an official witness to offer evidence against the application relating to the environmental impact of building on a former tip and the location of the site at a more remote location for residents to walk to existing facilities and the school in Mucklestone. The Planning Inspector allowed the appeal on grounds that the Borough Council could not demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply and the application would be more benefit than harm, in planning terms. He added extra conditions to the permission relating to the environment so that any future development on this site must comply with stricter conditions than were applied originally by the Borough. Further Information on the layout and type of housing will have to be submitted before the permission is fully approved and building can proceed.

=====Future Highway Improvements=====

Feedback received from residents about the recent resurfacing at the double mini-roundabouts in the centre of Loggerheads included the question: "Why didn't we get a zebra or pelican crossing to make the crossing safer?" The answer is that a condition of the permission for the new houses at Tadgedale Quarry is ***"No part of the development shall be occupied until a controlled pedestrian crossing and 'speed reduction features' on the A53 west of the A53/Eccleshall Road/Mucklestone Road double mini roundabout junction have been provided"***.



BUS SHELTERS IN LOGGERHEADS

The Staffordshire County Council owned bus shelters in Loggerheads were cleaned in May to remove the graffiti and repair the broken seat, caused by vandalism.

The Parish Council was most appreciative of the efforts of the staff from the Co-op, who cleaned the shelters in March but the graffiti needed a special chemical only available to licensed companies. The graffiti has now been removed but there is nothing that can be done to remove the holes that have been burnt in the Perspex. **This is vandalism, if you see it happening please report it to the police.**



A big thank you to all of the residents who volunteer for the many groups that provide a valuable support to the community in this parish and beyond. Without you these services simply wouldn't exist.

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