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April 2024

Around the District



Alberto Costa MP recognises importance of local tourism as part of annual celebration

As part of this year's English Tourism Week, Alberto Costa MP met with creative crafters in Cosby to check on their work to drive tourism as well as support people's wellbeing.

The South Leicestershire MP visited as part of English Tourism Week which this year, celebrated the part community plays in boosting visitor numbers.

Alberto Costa MP met with representatives of the Cosby Yarn Bomb on Friday 22 March to discuss the difference that they have made to the area and the fantastic work that they continue to do in supporting people's mental health and wellbeing. He was invited by Blaby District Council and the Visit Blaby District Tourism Partnership, who work together to showcase the fantastic things on offer in the District for visitors and residents.

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Councillor Activities

During March 2024 there have been many training events, meetings, and social events, attended by one or both of your councillors:

- Sharnford Bacon Buttie – 2nd
- Storm Henk Drop-in – 6th
- Blaby Job Fair – 6th
- Planning Committee – 7th
- Sapcote Parish Council – 7th
- Blaby Local Plan Briefing – 14th
- Audit & Corporate Governance – 18th
- Blaby Cabinet – 18th
- Storm Henk Drop-in – 21st
- Resilience Partnership – 21st
- Sharnford Parish Council – 21st
- Thurlaston Players – 23rd
- Elmesthorpe Parish Council – 26th
- Blaby District Parish Councils Group – 27th

During April there are the following training events, meetings, and social events, that will be attended by one or both of your councillors:

- Vulnerability & Support Awareness – 3rd
- Planning Committee – 4th
- Sapcote Parish Council – 4th
- Audit & Corporate Governance Committee Training – 9th
- Joint Consultative Committee – 17th
- Police Beat Surgery, Sapcote – 22nd
- Audit & Corporate Governance Committee – 22nd
- Sharnford Bacon Buttie – 27th

Blaby District Council News Releases

- Exciting Opportunities at our Spring Job Fair
- Dog Owners fined over nuisance barking

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HNRFI Update – Examination

The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange will remain in our monthly reports until the final decision is made by the Secretary of State



Executive Summary

1. This is the closing submission of Blaby District Council (“BDC”) on the application by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited (“the Applicant”) for development consent for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (“the Proposed Development”) on land predominantly located south-west of the village of Elmesthorpe (“the Application Site”).
2. BDC’s position on the merits of the Proposed Development remains unchanged since the submission of its Written Representation [REP1-050]. BDC vehemently opposes the Proposed Development on the basis of the farreaching adverse environmental and social impacts it would cause in the local area. BDC have throughout the examination process engaged with the Applicant on the core concerns held by BDC; the matters of agreement and disagreement are recorded in the Statement of Common Ground (“SoCG”) between BDC and the Applicant. Furthermore, BDC provided submissions throughout the examination of the Proposed Development and made appearances at the Issue Specific Hearings (“ISHs”).
3. BDC submits that the Secretary of State does not have sufficient information to make a reasonable assessment of the Proposed Development’s worst-case scenario highways impacts, especially in the case of granting consent.
4. This closing submission outlines BDC’s key outstanding concerns which BDC submit in the overall planning balance weighs heavily in favour of refusal. BDC still has significant concerns with respect to highway impacts and the likely harm to the Strategic Road Network (“SRN”) at Junction 21 of the M1 motorway / Junction 3 M69 motorway (“the M1/M69 Junction”) and corresponding impacts on the Local Road Network (“LRN”). BDC consider that the Applicant has not sufficiently investigated highway impacts and as a result the true severity

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of highway impacts have been understated, which also means that the mitigation necessary is unknown.

5. Furthermore, the design of the Proposed Development has not responded to the environmental constraints of the Application Site and the surrounding area; the design of the Proposed Development has been overly focussed on the operation of the Proposed Development. The focus on operations rather than working within the environmental constraints has resulted in a proposal that would create significant adverse landscape and ecological impacts and unnecessary noise and lighting impacts. BDC do not consider that the Proposed Development meets the criteria for 'Good Design' as required by paragraphs 4.28 – 4.35 of the National Policy Statement for National Networks ("NPSNN") and results in an overdevelopment of the Application Site.
6. Finally, BDC submit that the purported socio-economic and climate change benefits of the Proposed Development do not outweigh its adverse impacts and therefore the application for development consent should be refused.

New Local Plan Update



We are now entering the final stages of our new local plan.

Over the next six months your district councillors will attend multiple workshops/ meetings as part of the new plan, these include policies and site allocations, leading to a public consultation at the end of the year.

During this time, we will provide updates in our monthly reports.

If you do have any queries, please reach out to us.

More details and updates can be found here: <https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plan/new-local-plan/>

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Local Planning Update

Major Planning Applications



24/0090/FUL – The Gables, Chapel Lane, Sharnford
Erection of 6 detached houses including demolition of existing structures.
Withdrawn under consideration

20/1461/FUL – Land West of Bumble Bee Lane, Sharnford
Change of use of agricultural land to residential to accommodate the construction of a detached dwelling.

Application approved by Planning Committee on 7th March 2024

22/0048/FUL – Land North and South of Lychgate Lane, Aston Flamville
Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Solar Farm with and approximate electrical generating capacity of 20MW.

Planning Committee 4th April 2024

21/1110/LBC – Land to rear of 27 to 45 Avon Road, Braunstone Town.
Demolition of existing listed building.

Planning Committee 4th April 2024

20/1373/FUL – Land to rear of 27 to 45 Avon Road, Braunstone Town.
Erection of 13 Dwellings.

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23/0740/FUL – Highfields Farm Enterprise Centre, Huncote Road, Stoney Stanton.

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Proposed development comprising the erection of 4 buildings to house 8 industrial/warehouse units (class B2 and B8)

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Minor Planning Applications

24/0199/HH – 11 Hinckley Road, Aston Flamville
First floor side and rear extension

24/0203/HH – Easton House, Hinckley Road, Aston Flamville
Erection of boundary wall and gates (revised scheme to 22/0153/HH)

24/0222/HHPD – 13 Henson Way, Sharnford
Erection of single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6.41 metres.

24/0207/HH – 9 Manor Road, Sapcote
Garage extension to front of house.

24/0180/HH – 3 Leighton Crescent, Elmesthorpe
Infill dormer to Front Elevation

24/0125/FUL – Livesley Lodge Care Home, 15A Livesley Drive, Sapcote
Change of use from Rest Home (C2 use) to Assisted/Supported Living Residential Accommodation (Sui-Generis)

24/0223/FUL – Mill Bank House, Leicester Road, Sapcote
Erection of a detached garage (part retrospective)

Local Planning Enforcement Notices

The Gables, Chapel Lane, Sharnford – Demolition of property (closed)

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Sapcote V38 Footpath Dog Bin Update

Since last year we have been working for improvements to the overflowing dog waste and littering issues along the V38 footpath.

The management company refused to replace the dog waste bin with a large size or increase collections.

Residents have been raising the issue with us for some, however, because the bin is through First Port who manage them, there is only so much we could do.

Well thanks to residents, Sapcote Parish Council and Council Officers (Neighbourhood Services & Environmental Health Teams); Blaby District Council has stepped up and provided a new fully funded multi-use bin, just along Park Road near where the V38 footpath starts.



Current bin maintained by First Port

New Blaby District Council bin

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