



MARSTON GREEN

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 08

COLESHILL HEATH ROAD APPEAL

STARTING 10TH JUNE

If the Arlington Business Parks appeal to build on this Green Belt land is upheld, Marston Green will be seriously affected. It would be a massive development right on our doorstep and the impact would be felt, not only in the immediate area but also in the rest of the village.

Did you know? The plans include:

- More car parking spaces than the Fort Shopping Centre – 1277 for the offices alone!
- A 120 room hotel with more parking spaces
- A supermarket
- Office buildings which would be 3.5 storeys high
- A Leisure Centre, to include 3 floodlit five-a-side pitches (we already have 23 football pitches in the area)
- Both access roads, including a bus route, coming into Coleshill Heath Road
- Jobs for 1,800 people

Residents of Coleshill Heath Road and surrounding areas will already be aware of the major congestion at peak times. It's difficult to imagine the impact the extra cars, buses and commercial vehicles would have; and all of this would be built on the last remaining Green Belt land in the area. See the plans on the village website www.marston-green.co.uk. As with the other village appeals, we will be holding a silent vigil on Coleshill Heath Road, just beyond Coleshill Road, at 4.30 next Friday afternoon (6th). A number of residents have offered parking on their drives and we hope to organise this at the time. The local press will be there and we need your support.

Can you help?

- Are you able to attend the silent vigil (6th)?
- Can you be present at the Appeal Hearing – for at least part of the time?
- Can you help with transport for the appeal?

The venue for the appeal is the Solihull Institute of Medical Training at the rear of BUPA Parkway Hospital, Damson Parkway and will start at 10.00 am on 10th June and is scheduled to last for eight days. We need to make an impact at this appeal to show the Inspector how strongly we feel about this potentially disastrous development. It obviously won't be possible for everyone to attend all of the days but if you can spare a few hours on any of the enquiry days it will be much appreciated. It's very important that the village has a huge presence on day one, to create an impact similar to that of the last Elmdon Lane appeal. There will be cars on the car park of the Parish Hall in Elmdon Road at 9.00 until 9.30 on the morning of every day of the appeal. If you want to know more information or would like to go but need a lift, then please contact Rick Smallwood on 779 3029 or Pam Butler on 779 2220.



MGOOD Table Top Sale on the 17 May

Thank you to everyone who contributed their 'worldly goods', helped out on the day, and those who spent their money at the table top sale. It was a tremendous effort and the sale raised £265 towards campaign funds. We are still some way off enough money in the kitty to pay the bill for the planning consultant we are using to help fight the Elmdon Lane Planning Appeal. So, if anyone wishes to make a contribution, however small, to help meet the expenditure, for example: professional advice/representation, stationery, printing, hire of hall, etc, then please contact Linda Poulson (Tel: 779 4787) or Pam Butler (779 2220).



FURTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Cream Tea – 22 June from 3.00 pm at 120 Elmdon Lane

There is a 'Cream Tea' fundraising event planned for Sunday 22 June, from 3.00 pm, to be held in the garden of 120 Elmdon Lane. If you can cook and are prepared to provide scones or cakes for the sale please contact Pam or Linda (see above for contact telephone numbers). If you are a gardener, do you have any plants/cuttings you can donate which can be sold at the 'Cream Tea' event? Otherwise, please just come along to 120 Elmdon Lane on 22 June at 3.00 pm to enjoy a traditional cream tea, buy cakes and plants, chat with your neighbours and enjoy a Sunday afternoon in the garden. (Hopefully in the sun!)

Garage Sale – 12 July at 10 am at 105 Elmdon Lane

There will be a 'garage sale' on 12 July. If you have any household items (in good condition please) which might be worth a few pounds, please contact Pam or Linda (see above for telephone numbers).



UPDATE – ELMDON LANE PLANNING APPEAL

Thank you to those who attended the first part of the planning appeal hearing on the 22-23 April. The hearing was adjourned until 10 July at 10.00 am and will take place at Solihull Institute of Medical Training, 1A Damson Parkway, B91 2PF. All outstanding appeals will be heard on these dates, with the result being announced in either September or October.

Would you please make a note of this new date in your diaries? Once again we need as many people as possible to attend this hearing, in order to give a clear message about the objections of Marston Green residents to this over-intensive and inappropriate planning application.

MGOOD sent letters to ALL Members of Parliament on 29 April, requesting support for Caroline Spelman's Ten Minute Garden Grabbing Bill. The Group have received 50 or more responses to date, with the vast majority giving positive support to this initiative.

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