

**Brickhill Parish Council: Update from Cllrs Stephen Moon and Sheryl Corp – September 2018**

**Local Plan 2030**

At the time of writing, the Mayor's Executive is to consider the direction of its revised Local Plan, determining sites for housing and employment growth, at its meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

At the Executive's meeting in May 2018 it was agreed that the proposed Colworth Garden Village, adjacent to Sharnbrook and Souldrop, could not proceed due to opposition from the Santa Pod Raceway over the need for noise mitigation given the close proximity of the site to the proposed development. Colworth was earmarked to underpin the Local Plan, contributing 2500 new homes to the year 2035 and up to 4500 thereafter.

Colworth's absence means that consideration has been given to alternative options to meet the Borough's housing need. This included the viability of the proposed Garden Villages at Thurleigh Airfield, Twinwoods and Wyboston as well as the proposed 'Bedford Brickworks' development covering land to the south of Bedford. It is thought that these sites each have issues making them unviable at present.

It is, therefore, the intention of the Executive now to reduce the length of the Local Plan period from the year 2035 to 2030, thus reducing the housing need figure. The below table sets out the proposed allocations for specific areas, comparing the version of the Local Plan consulted on at the beginning of the 2018 on the left with the revised allocations on the right which will be subject to a new public consultation from 18<sup>th</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Local Plan 2035 Plan for submission	Amount of residential development To 2035	Local Plan 2030 Plan for submission	Amount of residential development to 2030	Amount of residential development after 2030
Urban area	2,420	Urban area	1,785	747
Edge of urban area	210	Edge of urban area	211	
Brownfield site Stewartby Brickworks	1,000	Brownfield site Stewartby Brickworks	100	900
Colworth garden village	2,500		0	
Group 1 villages – Key Service Centres		Group 1 villages – Key Service Centres		
- Bromham	500	- Bromham	500	
- Clapham	500	- Clapham	500	
- Gt Barford	500	- Gt Barford	500	
- Sharnbrook	0	- Sharnbrook	500	
- Shortstown	0	- Shortstown	0	
- Wilstead	0	- Wilstead	0	
- Wixams	0	- Wixams	0	
- Wootton	0	- Wootton	0	
<b>Total Group 1 villages</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>Total Group 1 villages</b>	<b>2,000</b>	
Group 2 Villages – Rural Service Centres		Group 2 Villages – Rural Service Centres		
- Carlton	25-50	- Carlton	25-50	
- Harrold	25-50	- Harrold	25-50	
- Milton Ernest	25-50	- Milton Ernest	25-50	
- Oakley	25-50	- Oakley	25-50	
- Roxton	25-50	- Roxton	25-50	
- Stewartby	0	- Stewartby	0	
- Turvey	25-50	- Turvey	25-50	
- Willington	0	- Willington	25-50	
<b>Total Group 2 villages (mid point)</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>Total Group 2 villages (mid point)</b>	<b>260</b>	
	<b>7,855</b>		<b>4,356</b>	<b>1647</b>

### **Putnoe Walk In Centre Consultation Halted**

The Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG), the body which organises NHS services locally, recently announced its intention to close the Putnoe Walk In Centre from Spring 2019.

This was linked to plans to open a new Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) on the Bedford Hospital site. The UTC will provide same-day appointments for minor illnesses over a 12 hour period, 7 days a week via referrals from A & E and the 111 phone service. The BCCG says the rationale of the UTC is to reduce pressure on the Hospital's A & E function and allow clinicians to access diagnostic services (such as X-rays) if necessary.

The BCCG undertook a consultation on these plans which was due to end on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. It was announced on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, however, that the consultation closed early following the receipt of over 1900 responses. The BCCG now says 'it is clear that we need to reconsider our proposals on the future of urgent care in Bedfordshire'. The UTC is still on track to open from the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Flu Vaccine**

With autumn fast approaching, the Council and NHS are publicising the availability of free flu vaccinations for pregnant women and children aged between 2 – 9. Contact your GP for further details.

### **Electoral Registration**

All households should recently have received electoral registration forms in the post as part of the Council's annual canvass. Residents are being asked by the Council to check that their details are correct and to respond to ensure that they are able to vote in the Borough elections in May 2019.

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