

Hello to all who have supported one another in what has been an interesting and demanding year.

Christmas has created smaller gatherings for all, but walking around the village has seen many smiling faces. Thank goodness for media options. I am sure you all managed to pass on, and receive the gifts, we all need to relieve the pressures on us.

Lets keep in touch with our neighbours.

While we have been following the rules and keeping our fellow villagers supported in many ways, external elements have tried very hard to filter information and proposals through planning routes with out too much thought for the strong feelings and reaction being created to put extra stress on services, etc. on the villages of Gresford and Marford.

Site Activity:

I am sure you all witnessed the excavations on site at Hillock Lane. Not the start of building, but were all directly related to the required archaeological surveys, that should have been carried out well before now.

The latest news, prior to Christmas, clearly states that despite the redefined proposal for 109 house the long term objective is still for the '500 plus house.' That in turn will affect Vicarage Lane, with thanks to John F.

Information retrieved under Freedom of Information reads:

*In an email dated 9th December 2020 Arwel Williams from the Welsh Government writes to Matthew Phillips Wrexham CBC .....*

*'Thank you for your e-mail.*

*I can confirm the Department maintains its objection and reasons to the proposal as per its letter of 13th August 2020.*

*It is clear from the plans, that the proposed application on 6.1ha has an eye to the future, and may be considered as part of a phased development of up to 27.7ha (pre-application advice sought from your Authority). As such the Department has a statutory right to be consulted and offer a view in accordance with TAN6, ANNEX B'.*

*This must be a clear signal to Wrexham CBC that this development should not be allowed.*

It is clear we must maintain our vigilance and support for one another as we enter 2021. See the web site for the full article.

Your web site:

[Gresford and Marford Hillock Lane Action Group \(gandmhilllocklaneactiongroup.co.uk\)](http://gandmhilllocklaneactiongroup.co.uk)

UpToDate and is ready for any news and information from our villagers that can keep us all informed. Pictures, correspondence and official notes from planners, are available for all to read and keep abreast of technical details.

[Latest News – Gresford and Marford Hillock Lane Action Group \(gandmhilllocklaneactiongroup.co.uk\)](http://gandmhilllocklaneactiongroup.co.uk)

Please keep them coming.

I would also thank the group of residents who have met frequently either via Zoom or when social distancing allowed.

John W/ Jonathan / Bill and Simone/ Andrew/ John F/ Pam/ John and Clare/Josie/Jon/Beccy/Sarah G/ Jon P.

Sarah Atherton our MP/ Andrew Atkinson and Russell Gilmartin our local councillors who have supported our Group throughout.

Village Banners have been updated with email addresses, enabling all to send any further objections or request information.

Please feel free to keep us all informed of any updates that you feel are relevant, along with any nature pictures that can be added to your website.

26<sup>th</sup> October: Welsh Government Rural Affairs (ALC) Wrote to WBC expressing their concerns and objections.

4<sup>th</sup> November: Highways expressed their concerns due to road widths and junction accesses.

30<sup>th</sup> November: Revised planning Application showing 'pinch Point before Stancliffe Ave.

3<sup>rd</sup> December: Wxm Planners suggested a reduction in the size of the development clearly demonstrating that the options is being considered for a large scale application.

Traffic Surveys. Members of the committee created an information gathering exercise, regarding traffic movement that surprised us all considering our restrictive times. Further independent surveys will be carried out in 2021 once we are able to navigate the social distancing prohibitions.

Any volunteers who wish to contribute please get in touch any time.

Lets keep vigilant as we go into 2021, and be aware the application is NOT going away.

Enjoy your New Years Eve and the start of 2021. Here's for a better 2021 for all of us.

Chairman  
Gresford and Marford Hillock Lane Action Group  
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