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

Things do not appear on the surface to have changed with regard to the planning application for the land off Hillock Lane. The cattle are still grazing and the dog walkers are still braving the mud to cross via the public right of way and, now that the archaeologists have moved on, taking their portaloo with them, the only visible signs of their exploration of the site are the bare patches of mud in an otherwise green field.

And yet we must not imagine nothing is happening. We know that the archaeologists did in fact discover artefacts of a Neolithic or later prehistoric date.

A quern and two flint flakes along with structural features - 3 stone-packed post holes and a possible wall section, which may or may not be evidence of a larger settlement and which warrants further investigation.

We also know that the council's Chief Office, Environment & Technical, have recommended that the planned development be refused:

'on highways grounds because of the increased likelihood of collisions occurring between pedestrians and vehicles on Hillock Lane and because of the increased use of the substandard Hillock Lane/Wynnstay Lane junction'.

Something that has been plain to those of us who live here from the outset; even in the days of lockdown, walking to the end of Hillock Lane usually involves stepping aside to allow a car or van to pass; and the question of how any development would negatively impact the local wildlife, which includes badgers, bats and great crested newts, all protected, is far from settled.

So there is cause for some optimism for those who would see the proposal rejected, although we cannot assume this will be the case. What we can do is to maintain our pressure on the local planning committee, continuing to make our voice heard via the website, so that they know we are still here and our objections are as strong as they have ever been.

Without this, we may soon find ourselves facing the unwelcome approval of a planned building scheme that will then certainly be extended over future years into the centre of the village, which is already at full stretch to support its current population. We have a voice and we must use it.

Links to various planning correspondence:

- a) [Microsoft Word - Draft 3rd response Hillock Lane Gresford P20200354 Jan 2021 \(002\) CLC signed \(wrexham.gov.uk\)](#)
- b) [Microsoft Outlook - Memo Style \(wrexham.gov.uk\)](#)
- c) [Microsoft Outlook - Memo Style \(wrexham.gov.uk\)](#)
- d) planning.wrexham.gov.uk/Planning/StreamDocPage/obj.pdf?DocNo=4753766&PageNo=1&content=obj.pdf

Access to the Hillock Lane Site on the Portal follow this link:

[Planning Case - WCBC \(wrexham.gov.uk\)](#) then enter case No p/2020/0354

N.B. Should any of the portals not load up please contact planners and request information.

We are planning to continually update the traffic census ourselves by recording traffic conditions with our volunteer residents of Gresford and Marford. Whilst we have a working group on your behalf any assistance is welcome.

- Added notes for the website.
- Visit the web site and keep up to date
- Supporting our surveys that take time and recording data.