

Message from your Chairman

Another four months on and there are more issues that affect our area. The one that's hitting the headlines most at the moment is our local secondary school situation. We look like getting two new local schools for our area. A new school in Redland at the back of Cranbrook Road and the re-provision of Fairfield School onto the Thomas Moore School site close to Muller Road. There have been a whole series of consultation meetings recently with the Council to do with the proposed new boundaries and the design of the new schools.

If you hadn't noticed, the new car park next to Bristol North Baths is almost finished. Next on the Council's agenda must be the modernisation or replacement of the public toilets.

A dialogue has now started between the Council and the Campaigners who want to keep Bristol North Baths open. A survey is shortly to be carried out to measure current and likely future use of our local pool. At the same time the Council have now published plans of the new pool set to be built in Horfield, next to the sports centre.

Gloucester Road has grown a whole series of new posts, signs and lines for the new bus lane.

There are two significant housing planning applications going through at the moment. 21 houses and flats on the site of the former nursing home in Claremont Avenue and 50 dwellings on the former Radnor Road Industrial Centre off Radnor Road.

Along with others from our local area I attended a 'listening' meeting with some of the Labour Councillors back on the 18th February. Many local issues were raised with them at that meeting. No responses have yet been forthcoming. Let's hope that our new Council can sort themselves out and provide the service that we need in Bristol.

Your Committee

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New Secondary School for North Bristol and the Re-provision of Fairfield School

We are at a key moment in the decision making process. The new 'catchment' areas for our two new local Secondary Schools are out for public consultation at the moment with a closing date for comments set for the 27th June.

If these schools are built our area will fall into just two 'catchment' areas: the new Redland School for Bishopston to the west of Gloucester Road and the new Fairfield School for areas to the east of Gloucester Road.

Planning Applications are to be lodged in August or September and there are currently a series of public meetings covering the design of both Schools.

The new Fairfield School is set to open in September 2005 with the new Redland School opening in 2006.

Historically our area has been poorly served from a Secondary School point of view causing parents either to move out of the area altogether or to send their children long distances either to state schools in other Authorities or to the private sector.

The Bishopston Society supports both these new schools.

Currently children from Bishop Road Primary School are split up at eleven into many different Secondary Schools. The new Redland School would allow most children to stay together with a natural progression through their education.

Whilst not being directly in our area both schools will also provide a valuable resource for Bishopston residents.

Comments regarding the new schools should be made to the following address by the 27th June:-

*Secondary Review Consultation
Bristol City Council (CH/G41)
Freepost (SWB 203)
Bristol BS99 7BR*

If you should need any further information then contact us. If you have a computer then visit the website of the local action group supporting the new Redland School at www.RedlandSchoolNow.co.uk

Planning Report

We have a system in place to regularly check the planning lists to see what planning applications have been submitted for our area.

Larger applications currently under consideration are:-

- 10 dwellings in Elton Lane going up to three storeys (in addition to the 9 units recently given approval on appeal).
- 21 houses and flats on the site of the former nursing home in Claremont Avenue.
- 50 dwellings on the former Radnor Road Industrial Centre off Radnor Road.

Application recently approved:-

- A scaled down loft conversion for a house in Berkshire Road for which further details and samples of materials are subject to approval by the planning department.

The State of Our Footpaths

We are in the process of carrying out a study of the state of our local footpaths and will be drawing key issues to the attention of the Council so that action can be taken where necessary.

Bishopston Action on Waste

Our local recycling consortium organises local garden waste shredding events. For more information contact Lizzy on 9081304.

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to our Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm on the 12th September in the Silverthorne Hall at Bishop Road School.

What are the issues that particularly concern you? Please let us know!

Drop a line to our Secretary: Jim Gillespie at 50 Codrington Road. Tel: 9423710

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