

ACTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

19th April 2018

Dear Neighbours,

You will doubtless be aware of the rumours that Badminton Estate is planning to carry out some development work in Acton Turville. As so often happens, most of what is being said is wildly exaggerated and is not based on fact!

Members of the Parish Council were invited to an informal briefing by the Estate Manager, Simon Dring, and two Consultants who are being employed by the Estate to advise on possible schemes.

The first thing on I would like to assure you is that the Estate have told us that the idea is at a VERY early stage and they have not made decisions on either the numbers or type of properties.

We were able to give some feedback resulting from the anonymous survey carried out last year and this has already proved to be of great interest to the team.

The Estate has issued the following statement:

"The Badminton estate wish to have an early stage consultation with Acton Turville village about their preliminary thoughts regarding developments of the dilapidated building opposite the Luckington Road junction, Hollybush Farm and the Luckington Road paddock. Detailed plans will evolve over time through communication and discussion."

This is a really positive indication that they wish to take into account the views of residents when formulating their plans. Some suggestions and ideas which were shared with the Parish Council were very encouraging and Councillors were impressed by these initial proposals.

In order to help with communication and promote the consultation, the Parish Council has arranged a

Public Meeting
at
Trinity School
Tuesday 8th May at 7pm

At this meeting, the team from the Estate will present their INITIAL ideas and are seeking your views. You may have thoughts on the type or style of property or other facilities which you feel would benefit our village. This is the opportunity to have your voice heard. Please be prepared to share your thoughts and ideas and **please try to arrive promptly so that you do not miss out on information being shared.**

It is clear that any development in the village will have an impact on our lives as well as our surroundings, however, the indications we have received so far, show the Estate wants to minimise that impact and indeed enhance the surroundings.

The Estate has already made it clear that they intend to keep in close communication with the Parish Council and we will be doing everything we can to ensure this happens. In this way we can avoid misunderstandings or miscommunication which arise from unfounded gossip and rumour. The other 'unknown' at this stage is the timescale for any of this development work. Obviously, until more of the detailed planning work is completed, this will remain undefined.

I do hope you can make the time to attend the meeting and will come prepared with constructive views and comments. Certainly not everyone will welcome change, but I am sure that by working closely with the Estate team we can obtain the best outcome for our village.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Farrell

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Acton Turville Parish Council