

From our Councillors

Planning Application: Land East of Otley Road Opposite Adel Church

Outline has already been granted for up to 100 houses. Cllr. Caroline Anderson and I along with the Adel Neighbourhood Forum are continuing to work behind the scenes trying to ensure that whatever development is finally built here is the best that we can get for the area. None of us wants this development and we are very grateful to the huge number of residents who have written in with their objections to the current proposals and have continued to write in and let the planning officers know that their original objections still stand despite the amendments made by BDWH.

We have had a number of meetings with the chief planning officer and other council officers for the various other departments who need to have an input to clearly say to them that we do not want a second-rate design on this land. BDWH have shown that they are capable of building innovative and sympathetic developments as they have done this elsewhere. We think this could be achieved here by reducing the number of houses and allowing some room for a better designed layout including public open space, footpaths, gardens, room between the plots, highways and protection of natural habitats. We are

also continually asking why the pumping station has to be on the east of the beck. Again, with a reduced number of houses it could stay west of the beck. A revised set of plans has now been placed on the website.

Proposals for Local Investment

Each development brings a sum of money into the community called Section 106 money which can be used for local benefits and invested in the area. Parks & Countryside have asked if they can use £2000 of the S106 money to complete the bulb project. A group of residents from the Adel Horticultural Society, Caroline and I and an officer from Parks & Countryside drove around the Adel area to ascertain where it would be suitable to plant bulbs to enhance the currently bare areas of green space. Quite a number of these have already been done and the remaining areas will be covered with this additional money.

In the meantime some residents groups have also planted bulbs in prominent areas and we have already seen the benefits of these. As a result of sponsorship, we have had the beautiful wildflower area at the bottom of Long Causeway at the junction of the Ring Road.

Play Area

As you know we are struggling to find land for a play area and have asked

residents for suggestions of pieces of land that the council own that have not already been discounted. The problem is there is not much land in the Adel area that is owned by the Council and which would also be suitable. One idea that came forward at the recent Adel Neighbourhood Forum meeting was the green tract of land opposite the Mulberrys, that is Mulberry Garth and Mulberry Avenue specifically, whose frontages face the green space. I would be interested in your views on using this piece of land or at least looking at the feasibility of it.

Christmas Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

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Housing

The development planned for the Adel Beck site has stalled temporarily but the one opposite the Lawnswood Arms is moving steadily closer. Yet another, slightly revised planning application was submitted in October and details can be seen on the council planning portal quoting reference 18/04343/RM. Although it looks like the council is finally trying to reduce its unsustainable near 70,000 housing target this does not remove the

danger of losing greenbelt sites to developments, including in our ward. We will, of course, continue to strenuously resist this policy.

Road safety

More road safety measures are planned ranging from a re-examination of the various speed limits along the A660 from Pool through Bramhope and Adel to the Lawnswood roundabout, which will be carried out when the Bramhope and Adel housing developments adjacent to the road begin. Speed Indication Devices (smiley-faced SIDs) are becoming very popular. We currently have over 25 requests for SIDs and because we have a much reduced ward grant budget we cannot satisfy every request.

Highway maintenance

Officers have inspected streets across the ward that are considered to be in the worst condition to create a future programme of works. You will find details of which streets are affected by visiting adelcrag.org.uk. You will note that there are different types of work proposed, depending on the appropriate repairs. If you have any comments about the programme please let me have them by email, as soon as possible.

Best wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

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