

## Planning Report to TABS AGM 2023

TABS monitors planning at both the strategic and local level and has responded where these would adversely affect the area.

**Neighbourhood Plans** allow local communities to set planning policies and they are taken into account by Planning Authorities when deciding whether to approve planning applications. The Thurnby and Bushby Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is being re-convened after Covid and TABS has offered help particularly on environmental aspects when required.

Turning to **local Planning Applications** we have, as usual, checked these throughout the year and responded to HDC on any which might affect the parish as a whole or might set an unwelcome precedent. TABS does not get involved with individual house extensions except when these are unacceptably large and overbearing for the adjacent properties.

The current position is:

**Bloor Homes** are building their approved 275 houses at Charity Farm off the Uppingham Road in Bushby, and over 160 are occupied. Bloors are obliged to provide a football pitch and allotments. A Planning Application for these on a site in Scraftoft parish was submitted. TABS objected that the site is too remote. The Application has been approved subject to many conditions including that the pitch meets Sport England requirements.

A 73-bed **Care Home** has been approved on the site of the former Garage and adjacent pair of semi-detached houses. The site has been purchased by Cinnamon Luxury Care. When demolition and clearance of the site began before Christmas TABS was concerned at the manner in which the work was being carried out, particularly as regards the removal of the storage tanks and the possible leakage of contaminated water into ground water. It was not clear who was supervising the work and whether any checks were carried out. TABS received no satisfactory information regarding whether the contractors had complied with the anti-contamination conditions and the measures for dealing with any contamination.

St Luke's Church are rebuilding and extending the former Pavilion on Manor Field to bring it back into use as a café and function rooms to be known as **The Hub**. Temporary off-road parking for contractors and all other users of Manor Field was approved and building work has commenced. TABS is disappointed that the plan alters the children's play area so much. We are also concerned as to whether the Church will cover all on-going costs and liabilities.

TABS objected to large extensions proposed for **644 Uppingham Road**, a small house on a small site. These were refused by HDC and on appeal. A more modest extension has been approved and TABS will monitor what happens next.

TABS will continue to respond to future consultations and planning applications where appropriate.

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