

Feedback from Local Experience - Leigh M Tugwood, Iver Heath Residents' Association

Major Planning Applications - A Brief Residents' Association Perspective

My involvement with IHRA upon planning matters is longstanding so I feel well qualified, based upon that experience alone, to offer these observations and pleas for the workshop today.

Broadly, our experience is of increasing proportion of the voluntary time - of our committee- spent addressing planning concerns raised by our members and residents [to use a much loved phrase borrowed from Stewart playing "planning Whack-A-Mole".

Otherwise, and uniquely, amongst other legitimate stakeholders, we have very limited financial and technical resources to call upon.

Yet, we have over the last 2-3 years had to respond to what has been described as a tsunami of major development applications washing across south bucks - some of which Jerry [Jerry Unsworth] has flagged up here today.

At every opportunity our plea, to other stakeholders is for better:

1. Co-ordination [of responses and shared technical expertise]
2. Collaboration [particularly between TIPC / BC councillors and other stakeholders]
3. Communication [to the wider public about the of the proposals, for example] and where we can;
4. Consensus in terms of technical responses to applications.

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