

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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St. Christopher's

Just a quick reminder - the developers (St. Christopher's Property Company) have submitted a full planning application (22/01221/F) to Bristol City Council. The planning application can be found at :-

<https://pa.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=R8HHL0DN0DG00&activeTab=summary>

We are trying to get clarification on the deadline for making comments on the application. The Council's planning portal suggests that 27th April is the expiry date for making comments but a notice circulated to neighbours gives 20th April as the closing date. To be on the safe side we suggest those of you wishing to comment work to the 20th April deadline.

Jeff Bishop and I are currently drafting objections to the planning application on behalf of the Community Association. These focus on design issues (overdevelopment, the height and mass of the proposed new villas, etc.) and on the inadequacy of the parking provision with the subsequent high risk of overspill parking. We are planning to produce a draft of our comments for circulation to members by 6th April.

We are also staying in close contact with the St. Christopher's Action Group (SCAN) to ensure that our respective sets of comments are consistent.

99 Devonshire Road

Developers West-tec have asked us to circulate the following message :-

"The building is drying out nicely now the roof and windows are in. We have had thermal testing carried out on the building with positive results and this has been passed on to Bristol City Council building control for their records. Whilst we are allowing the building to dry out we are busy getting internal staircases and fit out costs up together and anticipate second phase works to begin shortly".

Advertisement Hoarding, Cheltenham Road

One of our members has asked us to draw attention to a planning application (22/01084/A) to replace the existing advertisement billboard on Cheltenham Road close to the railway bridge with a digital LED advertisement.

The application can be found at :-

<https://pa.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=R82ESEDNHGG00>

Many people are already opposing the application on various grounds including :-

- (i) The proposed digital LED advertisement would have a far more harmful impact than the present display as LED lighting is intense and far reaching.
- (ii) The site is at a complex and busy junction where the intensity of light and changing images would be a distraction to all road users and increase the danger to them
- (iii) The proposal will add to Bristol's carbon footprint.

The Downs

Councillor Steve Smith, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, has contacted the Community Association in his role as Chair of the Downs Committee to draw attention to a public survey aimed at getting people's views on a draft strategy setting out a number of principles by which the Downs Committee will manage the Downs. The survey also asks for views about how the Downs is governed and the legal structures that underpin it.

The survey is live now at <http://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DownsEngagement>

The survey will be open until the 19th April.

Kevin Chidgey, Chair, WPCA