



Gerrards Cross Parish Council

Planning Report 2008 – 2009

All plans coming before the Parish Council are examined in detail, either at a planning meeting or by our clerks under delegated powers. In the latter instance they are usually assisted by at least one Councillor and all comments are then passed to South Bucks District Council, who are the planning authority for all residential developments.

Similar consideration and comment is given to those planning matters that are the business of Buckinghamshire County Council. Where appropriate members visit or telephone neighbours to ensure that their views are taken into account. Members of the public are becoming increasingly aware of the ability to access plans and the previous planning history on the District Council web site www.southbucks.gov.uk/environment.

The flow of applications maintained the customary level of some thirty plans a month until after Christmas when there was a significant lessening in numbers.

Some of the more notable applications received this past year, included two sets of flats in South Park View and a plan for the French Horn Site. Not surprisingly there was considerable opposition to all these. The French Horn plan was later withdrawn and the other two are subject to appeals.

Developers for a Waitrose store and flats, after a public display at the Bull Hotel early last year, submitted plans and held extensive discussions with SBDC Planning Officers. The Developers and the officers were unable to agree on planning issues and the application has been withdrawn, subject to further consideration.

A significant event took place at the Memorial Centre, when the proposed Centenary Conservation Area was the subject of an exhibition staged by the SBDC and attended by their Conservation Officer, Marion Miller.

There was a very good attendance and most people seemed to support the proposals.

The Parish Council is in favour of this further Conservation Area, which if implemented, will be contiguous with the existing Commons Conservation Area. It is hoped that this designation will help to maintain the character of the Parish as it will be a factor that Development Control at SBDC will take into account when judging applications.

As always, we are glad to receive comments from residents on any application or other planning matter