



PLANNING

All planning applications that come before the Parish Council are examined in detail, either at a planning meeting or by our Clerks under Delegated Authority with the Chairman of Planning. Where appropriate, appointed Council members visit or telephone neighbours to ensure that their views are taken in to consideration.

Members of the public can now access planning applications on the District Council web site www.southbucks.gov.uk/environment.

Year 2009-10 has seen a steady flow of residential planning applications.

As always, we are glad to receive written comments from residents on applications or other planning matters which require attention. Residents are always welcome to view current applications at the Parish office if they do not have access to the District Council web site.

The company seeking to develop the French Horn site on Oxford Road was successful on their second application in achieving planning permission for residential accommodation for older people. The design was greatly improved from the first application to enhance the prominent position of this development at the gateway to Gerrards Cross.

The developers for the proposed apartments and Waitrose store development in Station Road withdrew their first application. They subsequently informed the District Planning Authority when submitting their second and successful application, that Waitrose was no longer the appointed supermarket partner.

We are pleased to say that the Gerrards Cross Centenary Conservation Area, created in 2009 after much hard work from local residents and historical experts, has definitely enhanced the existing Gerrards Cross Common Conservation Area. The Centenary Conservation Area has created more work for the Planning Committee but the benefits, without doubt outweigh this, adding

value to Gerrards Cross by protecting the character of the area which is much appreciated by the residents.

May we kindly remind our residents, that permission must be obtained from the District Council before any work is carried out on trees covered by a Tree Protection Order (TPO) or within the Conservation Areas.

Councillor Sabra Sharma