

Note of a meeting on 27 October 2015 between representatives of Ashton Parish Council (APC) and Chartwell Industries (CI) regarding proposed development of the CI owned site on Roade Hill, Ashton

Residents will probably be aware of the site on Roade Hill owned by Chartwell Industries (CI), the previous owners of what was the factory site in Roade and the Planning Application submitted by them earlier this year for 4 houses; the Application was refused by South Northants Council. CI are intent on developing the site and are therefore looking at their options; these include entering an Appeal against refusal and / or submitting an alternative scheme. They are however mindful of the importance of coming up with a proposal that is acceptable to the Ashton community and to that end, approached the Parish Council seeking exploratory discussions.

The Council agreed to this but before meeting with CI and their architect, the Council took soundings from residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the site. Their views and opinions were presented to CI at the meeting.

The new scheme proposed is for 4 privately owned 'true' bungalows ie all ground floor accommodation with no upstairs rooms, with the preferred access now being from the south-west corner of the site, off the Roade Hill spur rather than Roade Hill proper. The Council raised the issue of the historically important Ashton Village Pound and CI requested details, in order that they can arrange to take account of this feature when preparing any future planning submissions. David Farrand is assisting CI by providing maps, drawings and information in this respect.

At this stage, the Council have agreed, on a 'without prejudice' basis that the proposal appears to be in line with the wishes and wants of residents but have made it clear that the final decision on the response to any Planning Application submitted by CI will be taken at a public meeting of the Council, where residents will have the opportunity to make their views known to the Council. CI understands this and will now have what are termed 'pre-application' discussions with SNC with a view to taking this forward.

Residents are reminded that Planning Applications can be viewed on line at <http://snc.planning-register.co.uk/planappsrch.aspx> and choosing Ashton from the drop down list of parishes found on this page at 'Parish'.

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Clerk to the Council

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