

RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

The planning committee continues to consider all planning applications in the parish area. When appropriate comments are submitted to Warwick District Council which decides all planning applications in the area.

Most applications this year were for extensions to existing dwellings and the vast majority were uncontentious.

There were several higher profile applications to which the parish council objected. Details of these and their current status are set out below.

An application to build on part of the field between Southam Road and the Church was withdrawn.

An application to build on garden land at Hallfields was refused.

An application to replace St Andrews House, Southam Road by two dwellings is deferred by Warwick District Council pending further information.

An application to Stratford District Council for a solar farm which is outside the parish boundary but close to dwellings within the parish near the Fosse Way is awaiting decision.

The parish council also expressed concern about the possible effect on the Primary School of the new development south of Chesterton Fields, Whitnash which was refused by Warwick District Council but granted on appeal.

The year also saw the launch of the process for preparing the new South Warwickshire Local Plan which will cover the whole of Warwick and Stratford Districts. A Call for Sites which allows developers and landowners to suggest potential development sites has brought forward 7 suggested sites in Radford Semele parish. Currently, the district councils are considering all sites which have been put forward across the whole of South Warwickshire. When they have decided which sites are potentially capable of development there will be a public consultation on which sites should be allocated for development in the new plan.

Because of the number and scale of the sites in the parish which have been put forward by developers and landowners for consideration this is clearly fundamental to the future of the village. The sites are : -

Land adjacent to Offchurch Lane (Canal Field)

Land to the rear of Radford Semele Primary School

Land to the south of The Cricketers development

Land at Valley Farm

Land south of Southam Road to the east of the village

Land entitled Fosse Farm to the east of the village

Land at Tinkers Close, The Valley

All the sites can be seen on a map which is part of the South Warwickshire Local Plan website.

The parish council will be monitoring this process closely and will be making submissions as soon as it is able to do so as part of the public consultation. The timing and nature of the consultation will be decided by the district councils. It is expected to be either later in 2022 or in 2023. The parish council will put any information which it receives about the next steps on its website and would urge all residents who wish to comment to the district councils to do so when the public consultation opens.

Planning Committee

Radford Semele Parish Council