

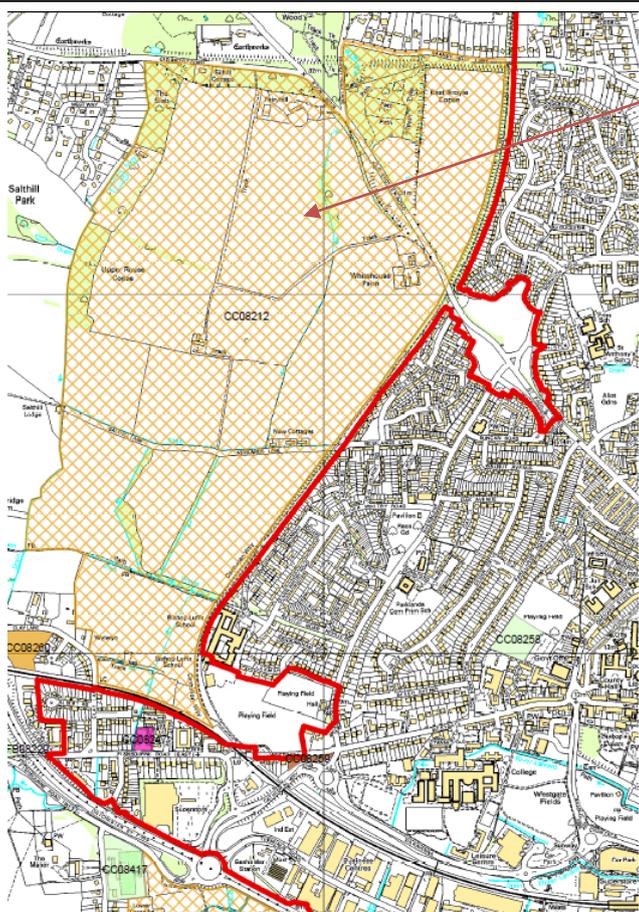
Parklands People **SPECIAL EDITION***

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Annual General Meeting

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BE AWARE! DEVELOPMENT AT WHITEHOUSE FARM IS BACK ON THE CARDS



Land west of Centurion Way ("Whitehouse Farm" – see left, cross-hatched) is to be put forward by Chichester District Council for development in its "consultation draft" Local Plan intended for publication in March. Developers say this land could accommodate up to 1600 homes, and office/light industrial development. There would be access onto the Funtington road; and, later, southwards via a road to Cathedral Way/Via Ravenna using land at Westgate/Bishop Luffa School/Centurion Way. There would also be a "country park", recreation ground, neighbourhood centre (including shops) and land for a new primary school. Some "affordable" housing is also promised.

Last time this came up, PRA's concerns included: extra traffic throughout the Parklands area; the loss of our adjoining open countryside and views from the Centurion Way; potential flooding and sewage problems; overloading of services and other infrastructure; the impact on wildlife; and the possible adverse effects of excessive development in the City as a whole.

Does development at Whitehouse Farm sound like a good idea to YOU?

Please see overleaf to find out what happens next and what you can do.

Extract from Chichester West and South West Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2010 (Chichester District Council)

Parklands Residents' Association AGM

3.00 p.m. on Saturday 23rd March 2013

at Chichester Baptist Church, Sherborne Road

Hear directly from Chichester District Council in relation to Whitehouse Farm:

- what is in the Local Plan
- why it is in the Local Plan
- what this means for Parklands

and ask the questions you want answered.

Also a presentation on **Fishbourne and Parklands Flood Action Group** - what is happening locally to combat flooding.



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Whitehouse Farm - what happens next?

Developers with a financial interest in the land have been promoting this site for years. Meanwhile Chichester District Council (CDC) has been preparing something now called the "Local Plan" - a document which will set out policy for land use in the district (now excluding land within the South Downs National Park).

The preparation of the Local Plan has been very controversial, with communities throughout the District concerned about the high level of house building proposed. The creation of the National Park means strategic development is now focussed on Chichester and the A27 corridor to the sea. Communities on the Manhood Peninsula want no more housing, at least until roads and drainage are improved; Tangmere is up in arms at the idea of being targeted for a village extension of 1500+ homes; and Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty restricts opportunities to the west. In Chichester itself, developers are targeting land to the north-east (Old Place Farm: 1,100 homes), west (Whitehouse Farm: 1500-2000 homes) and Shopwhyke (700 homes). Homes are primarily intended to meet "demand" for housing, predominantly from people moving into the area, with some provision for local "need" (social and "affordable" homes).

<u>Timetable</u>	<u>What you can do</u>
<p>Now! Our inclination is to fight the overall housing numbers for Chichester to protect the scale and character of the city and bring residents together for a common cause. Homes are needed for local people, but Chichester does not have the capacity to continue to house lots of people from out of area without further overloading of its services and infrastructure and an adverse impact on the character of the area and the quality of life for existing and future residents.</p>	<p>Make your views known:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us what <u>you</u> think (contact details overleaf). • Keep in touch by signing up for our e-newsletter or joining our Facebook group : https://www.facebook.com/groups/PRAFriends/ • Contact CDC's Planning Policy team to receive Local Plan updates direct (tel. 534571 or see http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5101)
<p>11th March 2013 - CDC Cabinet meeting at 9.30a.m. includes an item to recommend publication of the consultation draft Local Plan to the special full Council meeting which starts at 2.30p.m.</p>	<p>Both meetings are open to the public. Papers for these meetings, including the draft Local Plan, will be on CDC's website no later than Tuesday 5th March. Join residents from across the district at these meetings to protest against the huge housing numbers being proposed for Chichester.</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd March, 3p.m. at Chichester Baptist Church - PRA's AGM Join us to hear CDC explain the proposals and form your own conclusions.</p>	
<p>March to April 2013 - 6-week public consultation on the "Local Plan Preferred Approach - Key Policies". Due to start 15th/22nd March.</p>	<p>Please get involved and respond to this consultation - we can help you with this, if you would like us to. Attend the CCC meeting (below) - get your parish to represent you.</p>
<p>Wednesday 10th April, 6.30p.m. at the Assembly Room, North Street Chichester City Council's Annual Parish Meeting/Public Meeting about the Local Plan.</p>	
<p>October to November 2013 - public consultation on the "Pre-Submission Local Plan".</p>	<p>This will show how CDC has taken public comments into account. Respond, if further comment is needed.</p>
<p>March 2014 - submission of the Local Plan for Examination in Public by a Government Inspector.</p>	<p>If the proposed Plan is unacceptable to local people, we can make the case to the independent Inspector.</p>
<p>October 2014 - "adoption" (the Local Plan now governs all planning applications in the district, excluding the National Park).</p>	<p>At this point the principle of whether or not Whitehouse Farm should be developed will be set in stone. If included, development in some form will be inevitable.</p>

FISHBOURNE AND PARKLANDS FLOOD ACTION GROUP has been formed following the publication of West Sussex County Council's report on the June 2012 floods (see www.westsussex.gov.uk , under "F" in the A-Z search). This is a joint initiative both to understand flood patterns and causes and to build resilience so communities can cope with flooding. Key to the group's effectiveness is local knowledge - whose garden never drains or where water always wells up, but also who's vulnerable and will need help when water levels rise. Find out at our AGM what action is already being taken to reduce flooding and how you can help.

Join the PRA ... Join the PRA ... Join the PRA ... Thank you

If you'd like to join us, please return this form with your subscription (£4 per household or £2 for single-adult households) to Clive Goodyer, 54 Sherborne Road. Membership now runs for 12 months from the month in which subscriptions are paid.

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