

Rickyard Rd Affordable Housing

The proposed affordable housing on Rickyard Rd has grown. Another 11 bungalows split between rented and shared equity are to be added to the 8 bungalows for sale below market rates.

A planning application is expected soon and a more detailed local survey may be carried out to add to data from the last Census & North Somerset's Housing Needs register.

The only people who could buy or rent these bungalows must have strong connections to Wrington parish or neighbouring parishes and be in housing need.

Flooding is a real problem in Rickyard Rd, and this problem must be solved before any housing is built. The planning application may include reed beds to soak up water coming from the fields at times of heavy rain.

Flooding

In April, 3 months after the January flooding and 10 months after the flooding in July 2007, Wrington residents and the Parish Council were pleased to hear that North Somerset Council had appointed consultants to investigate the problems. Then in September came the worrying news that this work had stopped.



What happens now?

The Parish Council and Cllr Deborah Yamanaka are urging NSC to find the causes and solutions to the flooding before it happens again. Let us hope that the NSC Conservative Executive does not put cost-cutting above the needs of Wrington residents.

121 Bus Cuts – No progress yet

Thanks to all who replied to questions in the summer Yeo Views on your use of the 121 bus. Unfortunately North Somerset Council still says that too few people use the Bristol route to justify the cost of an hourly service.



Cllr Deborah Yamanaka has asked for the hourly service to be continued from Wrington to the airport. This is not likely to be agreed even though it would allow residents to pick up the Flyer to Bristol and also give Redhill residents an hourly service to Weston.

Meanwhile the Government subsidy which was used on the Bristol hourly route up to April may now be used on different bus routes somewhere else.

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Planning Update – Richards garage



The revised plans for 9 retirement bungalows on the Richards garage site have been passed.

There was a proposal to make this a gated site but the gate idea was dropped after objections from Wrington Parish Council & Cllr Deborah Yamanaka.

There are still concerns:

- the site's drainage will be looked at, so that more water will not end up in the culvert through the Garstons area.
- parking might spill out onto Broad St, since many retired couples own 2 cars and the 11 parking spaces provided may not be enough for residents let alone visitors and tradesmen.
- rubbish collection. Will bags and boxes be left on Broad St or will they be collected from inside the site?

Airport Parking

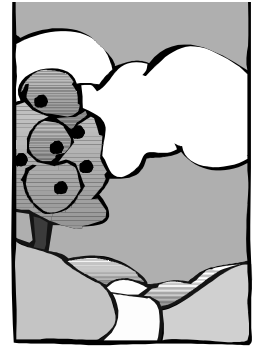
The airport plans to extend their car park on the North side by using part of the field which acts as a buffer behind houses on Downside Rd.

Car parking inside the airport's operational area is "permitted development" which does not need planning permission. Unless proper screening is put in the extra 87 car parking places will add extra nuisance to Downside Rd residents from noise and car headlights.

The airport's main planning application for a new terminal is now expected in the New Year, with a new car park between the A38 and Felton Common. Previously the new car park was planned to be south of the airport boundary. The new site might be less of a blot on the landscape, but could affect biodiversity on Felton Common which is a Local Nature Reserve.

Butcombe Stables

The controversial Yew Tree Batch stables plan has also been passed, with stabling for 6 horses for private use and 6 for livery. Local residents were worried that the use might become completely commercial, but a register of horses must be kept and checked by North Somerset officers so that this cannot happen without a new application.



The entrance gate on the lane will be set back to improve the access for vehicles using the site. Residents are still worried that horse boxes may cause traffic dangers here when turning in, but time alone will tell whether that happens.

West of England Waste

North Somerset's recycling has been steadily rising over the last 5 years and has now reached 38%. This should rise even more now that plastic types 5 and 6 (eg yogurt pots, meal trays, hamburger boxes, egg cartons, plastic cutlery) can be recycled from Recycling Centres along with types 1 and 2 (plastic bottles).



But that still leaves 60% of rubbish going to landfill. The ex-Avon Councils have been working together to keep waste out of landfill in the future. The preferred option for the Labour & Tory Executives on Bristol, NSC and South Glos Councils is to use the Government's Private Finance Initiative for an incinerator. B&NES pulled out, being against incineration and PFI.

There are many concerns about incineration, some of them unfounded nowadays. But it does produce more CO₂ than other technologies, adding more to climate change, and a large plant needing large amounts of waste to feed it could take away the incentive to recycle. A much better option would be smaller pyrolysis or gasification plants in the proposed new housing and employment areas at Yanley and Weston, producing cheap heat and power locally. These technologies emit very little CO₂.

Bristol, NSC and S Glos intend to submit an outline business case to the Government this October for a large incinerator funded by PFI.