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FIGHTING FOR OUR COMMUNITY AGAINST THE ECO PARK

Throughout the chequered progress of the planning application and the environmental permits for the Eco Park, the Conservative Spelthorne Borough Council has been adamant in its defence of residents' safety.

Spelthorne Borough Council's continuing fight against the gasification element of the proposals was helped by the unexpected bankruptcy of the intended supplier.

Accordingly Spelthorne contended that the recently granted environmental permit was not applicable to gasification plants generally and indeed both Surrey Council and Sita have agreed and withdrawn the permit.

In short, the current permit is redundant for gasification but may still be used for the much less contentious proposals for anaerobic digestion facilities, the waste transfer aspects and community recycling developments.

"We await now with interest to see what, if any, new gasification plant is to be proposed," says Councillor Tim Evans. "Whether this will need a whole new planning application or merely an amendment to the existing permission can only be determined when the



Councillor Tim Evans outside the Charlton Lane site, where the Eco Park is proposed to be built. Spelthorne Borough Council's Conservatives continue to fight the proposals.

nature and implications of the new process are known."

A full summary of the latest position may be found on Spelthorne's website at the following link:

<http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/CHandler.ashx?id=3825&p=0>

PARKING RESTRICTIONS OUTSIDE BENWELL LIFTED

Sunbury East's Conservative Councillor Suzy Webb has arranged for Surrey County Council to reduce the parking restrictions outside the Benwell Centre in Downside.

While the restrictions were there to stop commuters parking all day, they had the unintended consequence of making it more difficult for patrons to attend the increasingly popular activities at this much appreciated social centre.

Subject to 28 days consultation the restrictions will only apply at rush hours so resolving Benwell's problem. It is anticipated that the new restrictions will come into force in April.

Says Councillor Webb, "It is important to support the important work that goes on at the Benwell Centre. We were pleased to be able to respond to their requests in this matter."

LISTENING TO OUR RESIDENTS

■ Spelthorne's Planning Committee has supported the vast majority of residents' wishes by granting permission for the 28 home development at the old Metropolitan Police College site (to be named Lendy Place after the Lendy family which was well-known in Sunbury village in Victorian times).

The developer Linden Homes is to be congratulated for pressing ahead with this development rather than the 44 home plan for which they had been granted permission on appeal.

Even more gratifying for riverside residents is Linden Homes' new policy of working with your local Conservative Councillors and action groups rather than trying to push through unpopular overdevelopment against residents' wishes.

The latest outcome of this approach is the planning application for an attractive development of 37 homes (instead of 88! as originally proposed) on the Environment Agency site at Fordbridge Road.

The plan has been developed with the input of local residents from the outset. Long-standing campaigners may reflect that 13 years of hard labour could have been avoided if this sensible joint approach had been adopted in the first place.



■ The Sunbury Skate Park Task force led by Councillor Suzy Webb has listened to the young people who use this popular facility. Lighting and CCTV have been budgeted by Spelthorne Borough Council for installation later this year.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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60 SECOND SURVEY

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2 What single change locally could have the biggest impact on our community in the Lower Sunbury and Halliford County Division?

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