

Broomgrove and Hurrell News

*From your local Labour councillors: Peter Chowney & Jay Kramer
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Today, we have been calling on residents to see if we can help with any problems you may have with the County or Borough Council. We have produced this newsletter to help keep you in touch with what's going on.

Allotments Site: Planning Decision Deferred

At the Hastings Council Planning Board on 24th May, board members decided to defer any decision on a planning application for 47 new homes on the old allotments site between Broomgrove Road and Priory Road.

The homes detailed in the outline plan put to the committee were exceptionally small – only 3 metres (10 feet) wide, but with two bedrooms. Some of the rooms would have no windows, as the houses would be set into the hillside, leading to accusations from local people that they would be 'cave dwellings'.

Local residents presented a well-argued petition to the Board opposing the application. Cllr. Jay Kramer spoke in support, arguing that 47 was just too many houses for this site. She also called for Planning Board members to visit the site. Afterwards, she said:

"These homes would be very small, and it's difficult to see how they would fit in without causing serious problems of access, car parking and safety. This



*Jay Kramer and Peter Chowney
at the allotments site*

site really is not appropriate for this kind of development. The density of housing has increased by more than half since the original application, and the play area is now just tokenistic and of no practical use. The 'ecological area', which would supposedly cater for wildlife such as slow worms, glow worms and badgers, is also too small."

Development of the site has some advantages for local people – for example, developers would have to bring Lower Broomgrove Road up to a proper standard for traffic. But many local people remain to be convinced. The application will now be reconsidered at a later meeting of the Planning Board, after the site visit and further consultation has taken place.

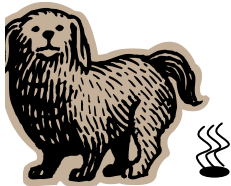
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If so, contact us! See contact details overleaf ...**

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We are intending to produce a regular e-mail newsletter keeping you in touch with what's going on in Tressell Ward. If you'd like to receive it, send an e-mail to:

cllr.peter.chowney@hastings.gov.uk

and we'll put you on the circulation list.



Dog mess and litter?

You can phone the Council's free litterline on 0800 854223 to report dog mess or litter, and get it cleared.



Untaxed and abandoned cars?

You can report untaxed and abandoned cars by reporting them to the Council on 783376, giving the number, description and location of the car. Abandoned cars are often in a dangerous condition – do please report them, and they will be removed!

You can contact your Labour councillors via the Town Hall, or:

Peter Chowney: Tel: 01424 721287 e-mail: cllr.peter.chowney@hastings.gov.uk
Jay Kramer: Tel: 01424 781983 e-mail: cllr.jay.kramer@hastings.gov.uk

Jay is also the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings. You can contact her about County Council matters as above.

Reply slip: Send this slip to Cllr. Jay Kramer or Cllr. Peter Chowney, Town Hall, Queen's Road, Hastings TN34 1QR

I would like to raise the following issue:

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