

Great Wolf Report. November 4th, 2020

I was asked to join the Great Wolf Appeal Working Party and we first met on Oct 28th. Since then a range of sub-groups have been developed including Publicity/Media, Planning, Communications/Parishes, Communications/NGOs, Fund Raising. I am leading the work on Communications/Parishes and have developed a master list of key parishes with info on Chairs & Clerks – thanks to Jane for her help.

The key points are :

- Work collaboratively with CDC who will lead the defence on the Appeal
- Research and share as much info as required with the QC Sasha White who will represent Chesterton and all the parishes in opposition to the Appeal
- KEY DATES: Prepare a Statement of Case for the Inquiry: due Nov 25. The Inquiry should occur (remotely)

Letters to Inspector: due by November 27th through the Planning Inspectorate's online appeals service. Service is through the Appeals Ara of the Appeals Casework Portal; see <https://planninginspectorate.gov.uk> OR mail to: Alison Dyson. The Planning Inspectorate Room 3J Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN, UK

Inquiry: February. 2021

- Appoint consultants to act as Witnesses at the Inquiry
- Raise funds: it is estimated that £50,000 - £70,000 will be needed. Currently, the war chest has £7,000. The need is dire and it would be greatly appreciated if parishes could donate money for the appeal. Also, we need parishes to advertise the need for funds.
- A Go Fund Me appeal will/is in place
- Letter of protest to be sent to the Inspectorate. Although, he is expected to read through all previous letters plus all the documents leading to the Planning Committees decision, the Inspectorate will also consider all further letters. Our QC says we need to “flood their inbox”. Protests need to be on planning grounds – not personal inconvenience.
- Concerns about OCC acceptance of mitigation offers by Great Wolf – discussions before appeal was announced, plus clearly a summer of conversations where offers were made by Wolf in the expectation that OCC Highway's objection would be withdrawn.
- Signs to go back up

- Village newsletters need to ask for support
- Facebook page to be updated regularly

This is a huge campaign and Great Wolf have thrown more money at the Appeal plus kept their intention quiet. We have a matter of weeks to prepare our case. The good news is that we have an experienced QC who is leading the team through what we need to do.

Thank you to the PC's support at this time. A lot is expected of the Working Group.

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