

Minerals Plan Update – 9 August 2018

The Warwickshire Minerals Plan (Publication 2018) was presented to Cabinet on 24th July 2018 and Full Council on 26th July 2018. Cabinet was recommended to request that Full Council give authority to submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The plan submitted to Full Council did NOT include Site 7, Salford Priors. We have been assured that this was approved, although there has been no update on the WCC website to confirm this.

We have chased this and as of 9 August we received an email from a Senior Planning Officer, which stated

”I can confirm the proposed minerals local plan presented to Full Council did not include the allocation of Site 7: Lower Farm, Salford Priors.”

So the apt words of Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme come to mind – “ They think it’s all over – it is now “

Thanks should go to Mike Brain for his continued lobbying of WCC Councillors, Mark Cargill for his ongoing support and to the Parish Council, SPAGE, and all residents who actively supported and sponsored the objection to the development at Lower Farm.

The WCC Minerals website can be found here

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mdf>

The documents used at the meeting on the 26th July can be found here

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4198/Committee/457/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx> Document 04, Appendix 1. Background to the change in plan is detailed up to page 42 – here the names of those unfortunate villages that have been nominated.

On the above basis, the Minerals Plan Working Group will be closed at the September Parish Council meeting, although a watching brief will be maintained by the Parish Council as the plan goes to the Secretary of State.