

FDOG January Update

With the turn of the year, we (the Furtho Development Objection Group) enter our fifth year of fighting the development, and third year of the Stop3000Trucks campaign. With the help of our many supporters, the local Parish Councils and Ward Councillors, the development is no further forward than when the campaign started. It is not over yet and with your support the fight goes on.

In November two of our supporters and their family held their second fundraising event for FDOG - another very successful Indian Curry Night. A full to capacity Cosgrove village hall enjoyed great food, traditional music and dancing, henna tattoos, a raffle and great company. It was our most successful event yet raising over £2600.

Many, many thanks go to Bhagwanji and Bhanu Mistry, and family Jaison, Reena, Asha & Baz for all their hard work organising, cooking and serving delicious food all evening. Thank you also to everyone who gave up their time to help out at the hall, as well as the local businesses and residents who donated some wonderful raffle prizes, and of course everyone who came along to support us and help make a really enjoyable and worthwhile evening.



Also in November there was the annual Cosgrove Christmas Craft Fair where door entry money and raffle ticket sales were kindly donated to the campaign. Thank you to Sharron and to all those who organised, helped out and donated. There was a lot of interest in how the campaign is going so it also helps keep the cause in people's minds. The funds are much appreciated - £276 was raised and it was a great event too!

Thanks must also go to Cosgrove Parish Council for their continuing support and interest. They have commissioned a further hydrology survey to consider and challenge the developer's latest flood management and prevention plans. The final version is shortly to be published and will of course be sent to WNC's Planning Department.

The Campaign for Rural England argues that Northamptonshire is becoming a "county of sheds" due to the increase in warehousing and that development should be appropriate, proportionate, and sustainable. They advocate for a balanced approach to development

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that considers the quality of life for residents and the preservation of the natural environment, rather than prioritising all available land for large logistics facilities.

Sadly, it is not just Northamptonshire. Wigan Council approved warehouses as part of the Astley Business Park development. Construction has not yet finished but local residents gardens are already flooding and they have been advised to get flood bags by their Council. This is a prime example of just how much a large-scale development can affect surface water and create flooding issues. As 1 inch of rain on 1 acre of concreted area can generate approx 27,000 gallons of run-off, this result is unsurprising.

On the other side of Bicester, Cherwell District Council are reconsulting on two huge warehouse developments at Baynard's Green. Many of the issues associated with the development are the same as for Furtho:- the land bordering the application site is slated to be designated as a Conservation Area. The Baynard's Green junction is already beyond capacity without these new developments, there will be loss of arable farmland and significant visual impact caused by warehousing being built on open farmland. They are reconsulting because of disparities and omissions in the planning application documents. Who are one of the planning companies involved? Our friends at Framptons of course.

It is too late for the poor souls being flooded in Wigan. But like those objecting to Baynard's Green, with your support we will continue to oppose and object to the proposed Furtho Pit development. So please continue to raise your objections with WNC, local parish councils, and your MP. Offer to support the campaign in any way you can - profile raising, direct financial donations and fundraising events - this development if it goes ahead will impact on all the villages along, and those using, the A5, A422 and A508.

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