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*MIKE CHERRETT SHOWS MIKE BARKER SOME OF THE MESSAGES FROM RESIDENTS*

**PLANNING**

Decisions have been made by Stockton Council on most of the applications mentioned in *Focus* 125:

**Refused** 24 flats & 51 houses on *Low Crook Farm, Durham Lane*

**Approved:**

- 24 flats in place of *Mercury Garage (Parklands), Yarm Road*
- Extra house behind **670 Yarm Road** (access from Yarm Road)
- Changes to 6 **Durham Lane** (formerly *Spar*) to become *Sainsburys at Bells' Stores*.
- Extensions to *Emardi's (Yarm Road / Egglecliffe Bank)*

No decision yet on the extra homes in **Egglecliffe Village**. Thank you to all those readers who sent in comments.

The detailed application for 2 bungalows in the grounds of *Sunnymount, South View*, instead of flats (*Focus* 125) has been withdrawn.

There is a fresh application for the site of *Copsewood (The Avenue / Yarm Road* corner), for slightly fewer dwellings and an access onto **The Avenue**

**AIRPORT EXPANSION PLANS**

Durham Tees Valley Airport has applied for planning permission to expand its facilities. It also wants to put a business park on some of its spare land. Local people are very worried about the increase in traffic, especially while the A66 junction at Long Newton is so dangerous. Mike Barker, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate, is working closely with Mike Cherrett on this. They have both written to Stockton Council about the traffic and the poor public transport links. Mike Barker says "The impact of even more traffic going through Eaglescliffe to the airport and the dangers of yet more traffic going through Long Newton to join the A66 must be considered before planning permission is granted. Living in Eaglescliffe, we can all see what happens when huge developments are allowed, with no thought as to whether the infrastructure is good enough to support it."

**ELECTION DAY APPROACHES!**

On Thursday May 5th there are elections for Stockton Borough Council. Mike, John and Maureen hope that you will give them your support and allow them to carry on serving you as councillors. This election will not be all postal, so if you want a postal vote for any reason please let us know or ring 526196 at Stockton Council. The closing date for applications is 5pm Tues 26th April. If you've moved house in the last few months and you're not sure if you're on the voting register John or Mike or Maureen will be happy to check for you.



**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!**

Your Liberal Democrat Councillors are concerned about facilities for young people in the ward. We know that some young people don't want to go to youth clubs but they don't want to hang around street corners either. Do you think there are enough Youth Club sessions? What else would you like? E-mail [maureen.rigg@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.rigg@stockton.gov.uk) or ring Maureen on 782009 and tell her so she can see what can be done.

## SNIPPETS

Stockton Council have told John that they have no money for extending the footway on **Durham Lane** as far as the Industrial Park entrance, but will reconsider in the next financial year.

Relaying the footway of **Butts Lane** (from Yarm Road to the Cemetery) will be followed by resurfacing the road in the next 2 months (*Eggescliffe Focus* 122).

Thank you to all who contacted us about proposals for express trains from **Eggescliffe Station** to York and London (*Focus* 125) – comments have been passed on to the train company.

Also, thanks to all who volunteered following our last issue to deliver *Focus* – if you too can help, the more the merrier!

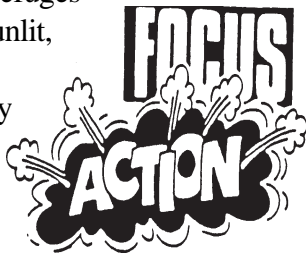
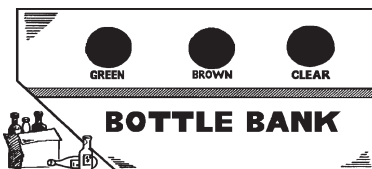
Our Liberal Democrat councillors continually complain to Stockton Council about the refuges and bollards on **Yarm Road** – unlit, damaged or missing.

Following a further complaint by a resident through John, repairs to the leaning fence of the **Tannery** site next to **Yarm**

**Bridge** are promised. He is also looking into responsibility for the fence alongside **Urly Nook Road** keeping people away from the mouth of Yarm Tunnel.

Stockton Council plans to use its Recycling Centre next to the A66 flyover on **Yarm Road** for recycling again.

John is looking into how the building has been used since it closed to the public.



## STREET LAMPS

Stockton Council have announced plans for replacing lamp columns:

Before 31-3-06 – **Esk Green, Leicester Way, Lime Road, Pinewood Road, Millfield, Rye, Swale & Warwick Closes & Wear Crescent.**

By 31-3-07 – **Blairmore Gardens, Crosby Court & Dalmuir Close.**

By 31-3-08 – **Nicklaus Drive, Player & Trevino Courts.**

John is delighted that many years after he first requested it, the Millfield Estate's lighting is to be upgraded.

## PRESTON PARK

Mike has learnt that the National Heritage Lottery bid for a grant to refurbish Preston Park and Hall (*Preston Focus* 93, 94, 95), submitted last year by Stockton Council, has been turned down. It is hoped that a revised plan will be submitted in the near future.

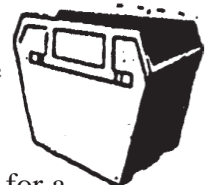
In the meantime, young people from Eggescliffe and other parts of Stockton, with the help of officers from Stockton Council's Citizenship and Democracy team, have made a start on clearing the rubbish and overgrown area at the rear of **Butterfly World** in Preston Park. They hope to create a garden stocked with plants and bushes that will attract native British butterflies.

## SKIPS

Stockton Council has apologised for the non-appearance of the skip on 30th Dec 2004. Their contractor had accepted the booking but then closed for a holiday! The next skips will be:

Wednesday 2nd March, Muirfield Rd, opp Health Centre

Wednesday 23rd March, Cedar Crescent



## CONTACT US - WE LISTEN!

Maureen, Mike and John would like to hear from you **if you can help deliver Focus in a couple of streets near you**, or if you have any comments on anything in the ward.

We are at:

Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue, Friday 4th March from 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Eggescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, Tuesday 15th March from 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue, Friday 1st April from 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Eggescliffe Parish Hall, Tuesday 19th April, from 6 - 7pm

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