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Opinion

ARE planners right to be cautious about proposals for a two-storey underground storage facility for specialist cars on the former Stretton Airfield?

Too right they are. The planning application – which has to be approved by both Warrington and Cheshire East councils if it is to go ahead – poses more questions than it answers.

It is no wonder there are objections from parish councils at Appleton, Antrobus and High Legh, plus one from Appleton Thorn Village Hall and 15 from people living near the former Royal Navy air station.

True, the applicants promise to create 10 acres of grassland, two and-a-half acres of woodland and seven wildlife ponds, along with an office building that would be a “fascinating example of 21st century architecture.”

But the proposals involve more than 125 acres of the wartime airfield and involve subterranean features more reminiscent of Cold War nuclear bunkers than 21st century architecture!

Although the applicants say there is no intention to use the old runways for racing or speed testing, they do

say existing areas of hardstanding would be used for testing vehicles to ensure they work properly before they are taken out on public highways.

What would be the difference, we wonder?

It may well be that the proposals are entirely suitable for a site which the applicants admit attracts them because of its privacy and security. But it seems to us that local people are entitled to know more about a plan which involves a private collection of up to 118 specialist cars, kept in an underground storage facility the construction of which will entail the removal of huge amounts of possibly contaminated materials.

The mystery only deepens when one learns of a security lodge and office staff researching and sourcing vehicles from specialist dealers across the country.

So yes – the planners are right to be cautious.

WE are pleased to be able to report that the prospect of a six week Christmas Market on Knutsford's Little Heath this year appears to have receded. The promoters, apparently surprised at the anger

their proposals caused among local residents, say the event has been put off until 2015 and will no longer involve the Little Heath.

The worry remains, however, that the idea has not been dropped altogether. And if it is not to involve the Little Heath, could it now be intended to use the adjoining “Big Heath”?

In this column, back in April, we suggested that a daily Christmas Market with 100 chalets, licensed bar, Santa's Grotto and Christmas Tree forest operating from mid-November to Christmas Eve and staying open until 9pm could inflict enormous damage on trade in the “real” town.

We regarded the promoters' claim that Cheshire would be missing out on Christmas Spirit if their market did not go ahead as preposterous – and we still do.

More than 600 people signed a petition opposing the market this year. We would advise them to remain on guard.

Ted becomes Mayor at second time of asking

A COUNCILLOR who has represented the Grappenhall and Thelwall area for more than 30 years is the new Mayor of Warrington – at the second time of asking.

Cllr Ted Finnegan missed out at becoming the town's first citizen when he lost his borough council seat at Latchford in 2010 when he was deputy mayor in waiting.

He got back on the borough council representing Grappenhall and Thelwall - where he has been a parish councillor for 31 years - in 2012 and now, having served a second term as deputy mayor, has at last become Mayor, with his wife Mavis, his Mayoress.

Cllr Finnegan started work as an office boy at the age of 15, later becoming a metal worker and engineering buyer for four international companies.

He was proposed as the town's 131st Mayor by Lib Dem leader Cllr Ian Marks who described him as “very much a man of the people.”

Fellow Lib Dem councillor and former Mayor Cllr Mike Biggin seconded the proposal, saying Cllr Finnegan, was the fifth Mayor from the parish of Grappenhall and Thelwall, the first being Joseph Parr in 1901.

“When he gets hold of an issue he will not let go and will take it right to the top to get it resolved,” added Cllr Biggin.

Cllr Finnegan said: “It will be a great honour to serve the people of Warrington along with my wife Mavis as Mayoress and I am looking forward

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Storm over 'secret' plan to close tip

A STORM has broken over "secret" proposals to close the Sandy Lane Recycling Centre in Stockton Heath from August 1.

Liberal Democrat councillors claim the decision was "hidden" on the agenda of Warrington Borough Council's executive board on June 10 - and have asked that it be "called in" for further consideration by the council's scrutiny committee.

Cllr Peter Walker, of Appleton said: "Our request for the 'call-in' lists six reasons why we are unhappy.

"This decision must have been made before February but it has been kept secret until now. There has been no consultation with residents, parish councils, local groups or councillors in South Warrington or, as far as I know, elsewhere in the town.

"The additional proposal to

'compensate' South Warrington by installing unsupervised 'Bring Banks' is also very worrying and needs proper discussion."

A proposal to close the Sandy Lane centre in 2010 was rejected by the then Lib Dem led administration after consultation with the public.

Cllr Walker (pictured right) says he hopes the Labour administration will also listen before making far reaching decisions on the future of waste handling.

"The potential for a reduction in recycling, longer car journeys, litter and fly tipping must be considered," he said.

Cllr Walker said he believed the decision was not taken in accordance with the principles of decision making as laid down in the council's constitution.

It was disproportionate to the

desired outcome because of the effect it would have on the south of the borough compared to the north.

There had also been a lack of consultation and incomplete information on the reasons for the decision and "secrecy" since at least February.

"When the tendering process commenced there was presumably a presumption that no centres would close - yet the outcome resulted in a closure," he said.

No account had been taken of the cost of the promised additional 'bring bank' facility as compensation for the Stockton Heath closure nor of the financial or environmental impact of extra traffic and fly tipping.

Cllr Walker said only one tenderer remained at the end and he wondered if such a sensitive issues should have gone out to re-tender.



Parish in the dark over swing bridge closures

PARISH councillors at Stockton Heath feel they have been left in the dark over proposals for the future operation of the London Road swing bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal when shipping increases.

While they wish canal operators Peel Ports every success with their bold plans to increase canal traffic, they do not feel it should be at the expense of the people of Stockton Heath.

Peel and Warrington Borough Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding designed to minimise road traffic disruption when canal shipping increases with Peel's Atlantic Gateway initiative.

But parish councillors have not yet seen the Memorandum and fear that increased opening and closing of the swing bridge - and the others on Chester Road and Knutsford Road - could be disastrous to life in the village with traffic gridlock and

increased pollution.

Members feel that the more successful Peel are with their ambitions the more often the bridges will become closed to road traffic.

They want any increased shipping to be at night.

The parish council has set up a working party to put together an action strategy.

They are also critical of the current unsightly condition of the London Road bridge and have asked

Peel to provide a copy of their asset maintenance plan.

Councillors have also expressed concern about the proposed toll for the new Runcorn Bridge and the existing Silver Jubilee Bridge which will increase traffic congestion in Warrington and Stockton Heath. It was agreed Warrington should campaign against the toll charges

Housing plan splits village community

A MAJOR consultation on proposals for a housing development has divided a village community.

Residents of Appleton Thorn were invited to an exhibition in the village by developers Bloor Homes, who want to build houses on land opposite the village hall, in Stretton Road.

The company said they were offering a "blank canvas" and wanted to hear from villagers before they started drawing up detailed plans.

A second public meeting will be held before the proposals are finalised and a planning application submitted.

Some residents are strongly opposed to more housing - but others are interested in offers to include play space and, possibly, a shop, in the development.

Currently Appleton Thorn does not have a shop or a play area.

Mark Waite, strategic planning director at Bloor Homes, said: "This is an

exciting scheme for us and the people of Appleton Thorn. We really are offering residents a blank canvas and we want local people to tell us what they would like to see in the village.

"Of course we want to deliver much-needed new family housing and affordable homes on the site, but there is also the opportunity to deliver more than that.

"We want to understand what villagers want. Does Appleton Thorn need a village green? How about a children's play area or a new shop? If people don't tell us, we won't know. This really is genuine consultation. Our ears - and minds - are open and we look forward to hearing what local residents have to say."

The company believes their proposals would attract young families to the area and provide an economic boost.

Bloor Homes, one of the largest privately owned house building groups in the UK, have shown an interest in Appleton Thorn before, holding a consultation meeting a year or two ago.

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Villagers turn back the clock

VILLAGERS at Appleton Thorn turned back the clock to 1178 to celebrate the unique annual Bawming the Thorn ceremony.

Special guest at the event was local historian Mark Olly, who officially opened the event at the only village in the country where the "Bawming the Thorn" ceremony takes place.

The thorn tree, which stands beside the local church, is believed to be an offshoot from the Glastonbury thorn which grew from the staff of Joseph.

Adam de Dutton, a knight of the crusades and local landowner brought it to Appleton Thorn in 1178, although the current tree is a relative newcomer.

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The honour of being the 50th Rose Queen went to 12 year-old Eva Lavender, who was joined by the former Queens who took part in the parade.

Eva is a pupil at King's Leadership Academy, Warrington and she was crowned following a procession through the village streets.

[More pictures online at village-life.co.uk](http://www.village-life.co.uk)



Thelwall Rose Queen 2014 attendants.



Thelwall Rose Queen 2014 Eva Lavender - Callow aged 12 waves to the crowds.



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THE seventh annual Stockton Heath Festival gets under way on Thursday, July 3 with four days packed with music, theatre, comedy, visual arts, workshops, culture and much more.

Events will be taking place at 15 venues across the village and the neighbouring villages of Appleton, Grappenhall and Stretton.

Organisers say there is something for everyone, young and old – and many events are free.

A box office is open every Friday and Saturday until July 4 in the Forge Shopping Centre, from 10am until 4pm and late availability tickets will be on sale from an information point on the Festival Field off Parkgate Road.

The festival starts on Thursday, July 3 with stories for children at Stockton Heath Library. Other events include a primary schools concert at Hillcliffe Baptist Church, Appleton, Warrington Male Voice Choir and the Bridgewater Singers at St Thomas's church, the play "Peasouper" by Stockton Heath Methodist Dramatic Society.

The following day there is a history talk "Warrington at War" at Appleton Parish Hall, bowling taster sessions for the over 60s at Alexandra Park, Magic of the Musicals at Bridgewater Upper School, the Swing Commanders

at the Festival Marquee, Parkgate Road and much more.

Saturday starts with a sports fun day at Stockton Heath Primary School and also offers a Puppet Parade at the Scout Hut, model railways at Grappenhall Community Centre, The George Formby Society in the Main Marquee, Open Air Theatre at the Park Royal Hotel, a folk concert at Appleton Parish Hall and a concert by tribute band Fake That in the Festival Marquee.

Sunday events include boat trips on the Bridgewater Canal, a mini family circus, Festival Songs of Praise at St Thomas' Church and a concert by soul singer Diane Shaw and her live band in the Festival Marquee.

Some events span several days, including the arts, crafts and farmers market and Music and Dance on the Festival Field on Saturday and Sunday, and an art exhibition at St Thomas' Church which will run throughout the festival.

The festival is sponsored by a number of local firms, Stockton Heath and Appleton parish councils and other organisations.

More details are available at www.stocktonheathfestival.co.uk

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The team at Stockton Heath

Business is booming at FDR Law

BUSINESS is booming at Stockton Heath based law firm FDR Law which has just recruited seven new staff to join the law practice in a variety of roles.

Thanks to a reinvigorated property market and greater confidence in the local economy, FDR Law has experienced a growing demand for its legal services, particularly in conveyancing.

Emma Allchurch, a conveyancing solicitor, and Alison Herdson, a conveyancing executive, have boosted the residential property service in the firm's Stockton Heath office and solicitor Chris Illingworth will head up professional conveyancing services in their Frodsham office.

The busy family law specialists in Stockton Heath have been bolstered by the arrival of Rachel Kendrick as a chartered legal executive and in Warrington, Ian Murray joins the accounts office and IT support gets extra help from Andrew Glover and FDR Law's first apprentice, Jack Peters.

Oliver Burton, FDR Law chief executive, is delighted the firm is in a position to expand. He said: "All law firms have experienced some challenging times recently but the fact we are able to take on seven new staff within the space of four months is a sure sign that the local economy is now in a much better place.

"The property market is one area where activity is now at a very healthy level again which is good news for all the professionals who are involved in this sector.

"I am also very proud to recruit the firm's first young apprentice who will be learning new work skills under the expert tuition of our seasoned professionals in the IT department."

The new recruits join more than 100 staff at FDR Law's offices in Palmyra Square, Warrington, Walton Road, Stockton Heath and High Street, Frodsham. FDR Law is a full service legal practice offering professional services in commercial, wills & probate, family, litigation, conveyancing and criminal law.

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For the past three years Simple Solutions has helped campaign for change. Last December I had a meeting with David Mowat, MP for Warrington South. During the meeting he asked me what I would recommend to the chancellor if I were advising on pensions. I told David that I would scrap the requirement to purchase an annuity. I must admit I never thought that would actually happen!

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Money Column

By Margaret Black

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Age UK bowled over by cricket legends

FORMER England cricket stars Derek Randall and Mark Ramprakash will lead an Age UK cricket team of staff and volunteers against the Professional Cricket Association (PCA) Masters at Grappenhall Cricket Club at 2pm on Sunday, August 24.

Tickets are now on sale for the charity match and a glittering gala dinner which will feature an all-star line-up of England cricket legends, including Strictly Come Dancing winner Mark Ramprakash. The Charity aims to raise vital funds to help older people.

The star-studded charity sporting afternoon will see the Age UK team take on the PCA Masters including past England cricketers Steve Harmison, Neil Fairbrother, Alex Tudor and Dean Headley.

Hugh Forde, Managing Director of Retail, Trading and Training at Age UK said: "We're really excited about testing out our batting skills against England's cricket legends. It's destined to be a fun sporting afternoon followed by a spectacular evening, with all the money raised supporting Age UK in helping older people through its services across the country and right here in Warrington."

Former England Cricketer, Mark Ramprakash (pictured right) said: "Myself and the rest of the PCA Masters look forward to heading to Grappenhall CC to take on the Age UK team later this summer. I will be captaining the PCA Masters and will hopefully be leading my team to an entertaining victory! It would be great to see the ground full for what is sure to be another fantastic occasion, and we are very proud to be part of such a great fundraising event."

After the excitement of the match, a glittering gala dinner will follow from 7pm at the Grappenhall Cricket Club. People will be able to join a host of cricket legends for a celebratory dinner and take part in a silent auction for unique sporting memorabilia including a signed bat from the current England Cricket Team and from the legendary umpire Dickie Bird as well as other great prizes such as a tour of Liverpool's Anfield Football Stadium. The evening includes a line-up of great entertainment including a talk from

the PCA Masters team, a live auction as well as a disco to end the evening entertainment.

Tickets for the star-studded afternoon charity match for can be purchased for £10 (£5 concessions). Tickets for the evening event are available at £100 for an individual, £1,000 for a 10-seat table or £1,500 for a nine-seat table with a PCA cricketer. People can purchase tickets for the afternoon match and/or the evening function by calling Age UK on 01925 859 525 or in person from Age UK in Warrington or at Grappenhall Cricket Club.

The money raised from the charity cricket match will support Age UK's range of services that help millions of older people and serious issues they may face like loneliness through information

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- July 17**
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Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm
- Every Monday**
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- COUNTRY DANCING CLUB**
St Thomas' Primary School, Parkgate Road, Stockton Heath. 8-10pm. Details: 01925 262356
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Grappenhall Village Sports Club
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- LADIES' FRIENDSHIP CLUB**
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