



Brook Lane Development - Planning Approval

Tewkesbury Borough Council Planning Committee considered reserved matters for the St Modwen Homes Ltd's development at Brook Lane, Down Hatherley, at their Planning Committee meeting yesterday, 15th July.

The Planning Committee voted to grant delegated permission.

The proposals are designed to provide 104 open market houses and 56 affordable homes.



The scheme has been strongly opposed by local residents, with the Parish Councils of Down Hatherley, Twigworth and Innsworth all objecting, raising concerns over the right of access across Brook Lane and the continuing risks of serious flooding events due to the poor state of the sewage infrastructure....There have been countless instances of sewage backing up and spewing into residents toilets, showers and gardens in Ash Lane, the pumping station is antiquated and struggles to cope.

Twigworth Parish Council echoed the concerns over flooding, sewage and that residents of Twigworth Green will experience a significant increase in traffic (construction and residential) due to the single point of access to/from the site along Ironbridge Road, Apley Road, Sorrell Street and Brook Lane from A38.

TBC Planning Officers informed the meeting that a condition on the planning application would prevent any works on the site starting until they have approval for the works crossing Brook Lane.

Community 20s and Safer Roads Initiative



Gloucestershire County Council has written to parish, town and district councils requesting expressions of interest in its Community 20s and Safer Roads initiatives.

Community 20s is the introduction of 20mph where communities live and work and/or which are used by vulnerable road users such as children and older people.

Safer Roads initiative will focus on reducing speed limits on roads where there have been casualties.

These initiatives are closely aligned with our ambitions on road safety. We want to deliver safer roads, healthier streets; lowering speed limits where people live to achieve the Vision Zero road safety ambition by 2050. Community 20s and Safer Roads focus on achieving safer roads and healthier streets.

Twigworth Parish Council will be adding this to their September meeting agenda for discussion.

Plans unveiled to improve road safety

Gloucestershire County Council has unveiled plans to upgrade and expand its network of safety enforcement cameras, to improve road safety by managing vehicle speeds.

Enforcement is an essential means of improving driver behaviour to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads.

The council is planning to introduce new speed enforcement cameras where collision data indicates they are needed most. It also plans to review its current network of existing roadside safety cameras.

These play a vital role in encouraging safer driving, as well as reducing speeding and breaches of traffic offences, such as ignoring red lights.

However, the current system does not use up-to-date technology and needs to be reviewed so that the right cameras are used at the right locations, to maximise the positive impact on road safety.

A report was presented to cabinet at a meeting on Wednesday 23 July and the proposals were unanimously approved.

It will allow the introduction of new safety cameras and the upgrading of the existing network of safety camera sites.

The aim is to reduce the number of people who are killed and seriously injured on our roads by reducing speeding and improving compliance with traffic laws, making roads safer for all road users.

The council will work with the police to implement safety enforcement camera systems.

The proposals support the Road Safety Policy goals of reducing collisions by 50 per cent between 2022 and 2032 and the wider transport strategy, which aims to encourage active travel, reduce carbon emissions, and make streets more welcoming for pedestrians and cyclists.

Cllr Roger Whyborn, cabinet member for sustainable transport and road safety at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "This is about putting safety first. We want to make sure our roads are safer for everyone. By investing in better enforcement tools, we can help prevent accidents and save lives. It's a step towards a more responsible driving culture and a more secure environment for all who use our roads."

The new contract is set to be awarded later this summer, with implementation planned for early next year.

[You can read the full cabinet report here](#)



Local groups urged to claim £2,500 to help their communities get moving

Tewkesbury Borough Council has received £12,500 through Active Gloucestershire's 'We Can Move' programme. This is to support selected communities in the borough to increase physical activity.

Community organisations across eligible areas of Tewkesbury Borough – including town and parish councils, village halls, sports clubs, and faith groups – are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to £2,500.

The funding has been awarded to support increased physical activity in local communities identified by Gloucestershire's Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP). Using insights from a broad range of local organisations, the ILP have highlighted areas where residents are likely to benefit most from moving more – helping to improve overall health and wellbeing.

Cllr Alex Hegenbarth, Lead Member for Communities and Housing said: "Whether it's walking clubs, fitness sessions, or inclusive sports days, this is a chance to turn fresh ideas into action – and help people live healthier, more active lives. We encourage community organisations to step forward with their ideas."

Potential applicants are invited to view the additional information on the website tewkesbury.gov.uk and contact the Community Funding team communityfunding@tewkesbury.gov.uk for further information.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The Parish Council has agreed its policy to support/ resolve such issues, the Parish Council will:

- a) encourage those affected by ASB to contact the Parish Council via the Clerk so a central specific database can be established
- b) with the permission of the residents, forward ASB issues to the relevant agencies
- c) will keep statistical data to support future actions
- d) engage with safer communities teams including Police liaison
- e) review and agree further actions at its council meetings

It may be that different agencies are already involved in which case it would be useful if the Parish Council were aware so that we can work together and not duplicate.

Please email your concerns to: twigworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Say NO to ASB
Make our Community Safer - Its where we ALL live!

Set Sail For Gloucester Goes Retro

Roll up your trousers and pop a knotted hanky on your head — this year's Gloucester Goes Retro is heading to the seaside!

Expect giant seagulls, sand sculpting, and striped deckchairs as the UK's premier vintage festival returns with a seaside theme.

Taking place on **Saturday, August 23**, the event transforms Gloucester city centre into a vibrant celebration of days gone by.

Now in its tenth year, the festival that brings thousands to the city will see visitors invited to Kings Square where they can pull up a deck chair to enjoy the free entertainment.

There'll be street performers dressed as giant seagulls, freewheeling pedalos and classic seaside amusements like face-in-the-hole photo boards.

Organised and funded by Gloucester City Council in partnership with the Gloucester Business Improvement District, the festival is a standout event on the city's annual calendar.

Across Gloucester's Gate Streets, hundreds of vintage vehicles will be on display — from early 1900s models to cars from the 2000s.

Or visitors can head to Gloucester Docks for more fantastic cars, tasty food and live music on the Mariners Square Stage.



And at the Military Village, next to the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum, this year there'll be a World War II Buick Hellcat tank — a must-see for history and military enthusiasts.

Councillor Caroline Courtney, Cabinet member for Culture and Leisure at Gloucester City Council, said: "Gloucester Goes Retro is where residents and visitors come together to celebrate the city.

It's a fantastic atmosphere and really shows what a unique and vibrant place we are. Everyone is here to enjoy themselves and it's also a great chance to support local businesses and enjoy all that Gloucester has to offer."

The event starts at 10am and is free to attend.

More information at www.gloucestergoesretro.uk and follow the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/gloucestergoesretro

Twigworth Green - Landscaping

Following reports from residents of damaged saplings at Twigworth Green, the Parish Council initially raised this issue with the developer Vistry but failed to receive any response.

In excess of 30-40 saplings have been wind damaged or just dead, either from high winds or where strimming had caused irreparable damage, by tearing the bark and terminating the flow of nutrients to maintain growth; there are also many supports or ties loose or missing.

Note! ... much of the sapling damage had been caused prior to the handover to Gateway by Vistry and residents should not have to foot this bill... the management areas should have handed over all areas of the estate in good order... this was not the case... reports of damaged saplings in these areas had been submitted to Vistry as back as April 2023.



As there was numerous sapling damage across the development, the matter was referred to Tewkesbury Borough Council Planning.

Twigworth Parish Council has now received a reply from TBC Planning... it reads:

The condition which relates to landscaping is within the original outline application, 15/01149/OUT and states:



"...If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree that tree, or any tree planted in replacement for it, is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the local planning authority, seriously damaged or defective, another tree of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted in accordance with details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority."



Planning Compliance Officers will aim to visit the site prior to contacting the developer so that the position of the dead/defective trees can be cross-referenced with the relevant planning permissions and approved planning documents.

A planning enforcement case has now been created under reference 25/00095/ENFD.

Have your say on the future of Gloucestershire councils

National government has announced its intention to reform the structure of local councils in Gloucestershire.

Currently the county is served by one county council and six district councils.

The proposed changes aim to replace these with unitary councils, which would streamline services under fewer, larger authorities.

Three options are being developed for the new council structure:

- One council covering the whole county.
- Two councils with an east (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, and Cotswold) and west (Gloucester, Forest of Dean, and Stroud) split
- Two councils, with one being an enlarged Gloucester city (referred to as Greater Gloucester) and the other covering the remainder of the county.

Public opinions on these specific options is not being sought at this time. Instead, all seven councils are working together focused on gathering feedback on how local services can best meet the needs of residents both now and in the future.

This information is crucial for planning, regardless of the eventual council structure.

Residents are invited to share their views from 1 July until to 9 August 2025.

Resident and stakeholder opinions will play a vital role in shaping the final proposals before they are submitted to the government in the autumn.

County-wide local government reorganisation survey
| Have Your Say Gloucestershire

Future Gloucestershire:
<https://futuregloucestershire.org.uk/>

Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 4th September 2025

19:00 - 21:00

Down Hatherley Village Hall

Parish Council meetings are open to the public if you wish to hear what's going on in and around Twigworth or to raise any issues or ideas.

Election Result!

Congratulations to Cllr Graham Bocking on his recent election victory!

The candidate Graham John Bocking, Reform UK has been elected as the Borough Councillor for the Northway Ward with 374 votes.

Graham is also a Parish Councillor for Twigworth, Longford, Churchdown and Innsworth.

The result is published in full on our website:
<https://orlo.uk/zKQWV>



DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL			
Tewkesbury Borough Council			
Election of a Borough Councillor for Northway Ward			
Thursday 10 July 2025			
I, Alister Cunningham, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the names of the candidates for election to the above election are as follows:			
Name of Candidate	Description of Party	Number of Votes	Number of Polls
BOCKING, Graham John	Reform UK	374	Elected
CHISHOLM, Kevin David	The Conservative Party	116	
FANCOURT, Guy David St John	Labour	276	
JOHNSON, Robert John	The Labour Party Candidate	44	
ROBERTS, James Alan William	Green Party	81	
The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:			
A. void of an official mark			
B. void of an official mark			
C. void of an official mark			
D. void of an official mark			
Total			
Valid Votes: 1 Election: 2075 Ballot Papers Issued: 1166 Turnout: 20.37%			
And I do hereby declare that Graham John Bocking is duly elected.			
Signed Thursday 10 July 2025 Alister Cunningham Returning Officer			

Property Eyesore!

Following residents concerns about the mess outside a property in Barley Drive, the Landlord, **Two Rivers Housing**, was contacted about it back in May and the issue has still yet to be resolved - it is a mess!

This is not how we want our community to look, there can be no excuse.

