

# **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **PARISH COUNCILS' FORUM**

**30TH SEPTEMBER 2008**

Briefing note in respect of the current status of the Longbridge Development:

- Consulted over the last few years on the plan, with three specific consultation periods;
- The plan has now been submitted to the Secretary of State and has undergone its final period of statutory consultation;
- 113 representations were received on the final version of the plan;
- Officers have been meeting with as many of the 'representors' as possible to see if any agreement can be reached on the issues raised before the examination takes place;
- The Examination in Public (EIP) is scheduled to begin on the 14th October 2008, at the Innovation Centre on the A38. Only people who have made representations can take part, although members of the public are welcome to attend / observe;
- The EIP should last for approximately 2 weeks; full details of the arrangements and the hearing sessions will be on the website;
- Once the EIP is completed, the Inspector will produce her report, which we hope to get early in the new year. If the report is positive, then we can adopt the plan and it will become the active document for any Longbridge Regeneration proposals;
- The first planning applications have been submitted although we are not in a position to determine them until the plan has been through the EIP and the report has been received.

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