

Planning Application for up to 880 Houses in Rope

Up to 880 houses could be built on land opposite the medical centre and the high school.

An outline **planning application number 13/2874N** has been submitted by HIMOR for up to 880 houses. Their original master plan included the areas shown in yellow and had up to 1,089 houses. It is possible that future applications may follow if this one is successful

Rope Parish Council has no powers to prevent this application but will object to it. It will be decided by Cheshire East Borough Council initially and then finally by a Planning Inspector if there is an appeal.

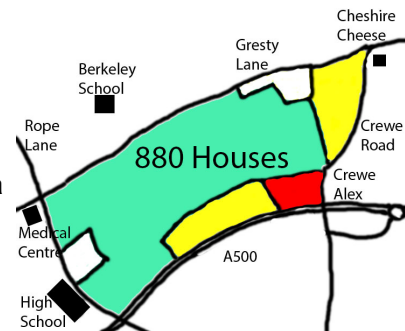
Cheshire East has said that it will refuse applications for developments in areas such as this which were defined as Green Gap by the former Crewe and Nantwich Council. In the council's emerging plan this area would be protected as a Strategic Open Gap. The purpose of these gaps is to prevent the villages surrounding Crewe from merging

with each other and ultimately Crewe merging with Nantwich.

Unfortunately the old Green Gap policy carries no weight if there is not a demonstrable 5 year housing supply. There is a dispute about this. The new plan is not complete, so the application is likely to go to appeal if it is refused.

As part of its consultation for the new plan Cheshire East put this site forward as a possible option. 97% of those that responded disagreed that this site should be developed.

It will strengthen the case against this application if it can be shown that there is strong opposition from the public. You can make your views known by commenting on the planning application. **Comments must be received by 28 August 2013.** If you have an internet connection then the easiest way is to do it on-line. If you visit the Parish Council website at the address shown below, you will find links direct to the planning application where you



will find the plans and more information.

If you do not use the internet you can view the plans at the municipal offices in Earle Street Crewe. You can make your comments by writing to the Head of Planning and Housing at the following address:

Development Management
PO Box 606,
Municipal Buildings,
Crewe,
CW1 9HP

Please quote the application number and provide your full address. Without it your comments may not be taken into consideration.

Your Parish Councillors:

Councillor Bob Squirrell (Chair)	01270 569803
Councillor Robert Dodd (V Chair)	01270 661101
Councillor Andy Pennance	01270 567137
Councillor Chris Flaherty	01270 665040
Councillor Maurice Simon	01270 663110
Councillor Simon Bowkett	01270 663384

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Website

www.ropeparishcouncil.org.uk
Look on the website for information on parish news and minutes of past meetings.

Email

clerk@ropeparishcouncil.org.uk

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council works with the Cheshire East community wardens and the PCSOs to reduce dog fouling.

Both the wardens and the PCSOs have powers to issue fixed penalties to anyone caught not cleaning up after their dog.

Sometimes there is very visible patrolling when the wardens are in uniform and walk round the parish

marking paths with chalk based spray paint, provided by the Parish Council. This reminds those who need it, that they should pick up after their dog and that the parish is patrolled.

On other occasions they patrol in plain clothes increasing the chance of catching offenders.

To report dog fouling call 0300 123 5021.



Community warden Keith Davies with the Chairman of the Parish Council, Bob Squirrel and PCSO Peter Corbett during a patrol around the parish.

A special meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST AT THE NEW LIFE CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE to discuss planning application overleaf . The public are invited. You will be able to see the plans and share your views with the council.

Crime Prevention

We would like to make you aware that there have been incidents of breaks into sheds and garages in your area.

Our aim is not to scare you, but to raise your awareness, and to ask you to be extra vigilant.

To reduce the risk of being a victim of crime, follow these simple precautions:

Consider fitting an alarm to your garage or shed, most DIY stores stock battery operated alarms suitable for this purpose.

Always mark the property you keep within your garage or shed as this will help identification if they are stolen and recovered. Keep a list of

property with photographs if possible.

Make sure your garage or shed is fitted with a strong padlock, door hinges or other security measures such as a garage defender.

Make sure items kept inside the garage or shed are secure - large items can be padlocked together or you could sink a post into the floor of the garage and padlock any items to the post.

Always remember to lock your garage or shed after use.

Do not store large quantities of valuables in your garage and shed. Consider other forms of storage.

If your garage and shed is not in regular use, ensure that you visit it regularly to check for any signs of damage, or ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on it.

Keep property and fencing in good repair and ensure that foliage / trees etc are kept trimmed.

Check with your insurance company that you are covered for items stored in your garage or shed.

Report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or anonymously via the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111. Or you can speak to one of your local officers, please see below.

The Parish Council has a vacancy which it will fill by co-option at the Meeting on 16th September 2013. Any Rope elector wishing to become a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk for further details or write to her at the address below giving their reasons for wishing to be a Parish Councillor.

Useful Contacts



PCSO Michelle Minton

Cheshire East Borough Councillor for Willaston and Rope Ward:

Cllr Brian Silvester - 01270 567757 / 686011

brian.silvester@cheshireeast.gov.uk



PCSO Peter Corbett

Rope Parish Council

Clerk: Sue Togay, 86 Davenport Avenue, Crewe, CW2 6LT

Email: clerk@ropeparishcouncil.org.uk

Tel: 01270 686730 | 537542

Your PCSOs can be contacted on 0845 458 6370.