

Bolnore Briefing 2

LCO's Update on the Bolnore Village development issues

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1 Bolnore Phase 4a 'Reserved Matters' application—*currently in limbo*

Due to the Credit Crunch, the Phase 4a plan is effectively in limbo at present. Crest are reconsidering their options, possibly to replace the previous proposal by 'a little at a time', ie sub-sub phases. We are concerned that however the scheme is built, it should be to a coherent overall plan.

Crest HAVE conceded (in the face of a very strong legal opinion from our barrister) that the Bridleway Shaw WILL be protected by a 15m buffer. We will insist that new plans incorporate this to ensure compliance with the Secretary of State's decision.

2 Bridleway upgrade delayed again (except for a 2 metre section of road)

The bridleway works are yet again delayed—this time without any new date for a start. Crest have to complete the bridleway works before selling a single house on Phase 4, but they can start them when they choose. Much as we want them done, given the credit crunch we are not surprised.

There is one problem—unless they make some sort of start, the application will lapse soon. To avoid this—and we agree—Crest will do a short 2 metre road section near the Thatched Cottage. We support this—we don't want the application to lapse.

3 Crest failure to comply with Remedial Measures on Phase 2 & 3

Crest have produced initial proposals for completion of the remedial works to the Buffer and Wildlife Corridors. The LCOs are discussing them—we are likely to ask for changes to the detail of some parts of the proposals, particularly regarding woodland soil usage.

Further issues of *Bolnore Briefing* will follow as more details emerge.

For more information, please contact TheLCOs@googlemail.com

The Local Community groups comprise the four rule 6 parties at the Bolnore Village planning Inquiry :
ARROWW, Association of Residents of Roads around Wealden Way
BVRA, Bolnore Village Residents Association
FoABW, Friends of Ashenground and Bolnore Woods
TARA, The Ashenground Residents Association