

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Aida/Bliss Factory (Union Foundry)

Three weeks ago, we started an ePetition to ask Derby City Council to reconsider allowing non-residential development of the Aida/Bliss factory (Union Foundry). The council have turned down the GNC Heritage Vehicle and Skills centre in favour of redeveloping the site entirely for social housing. It is still our belief that the council still isn't aware of all the complexities of this site (two major developers having failed to get through the planning stage previously) whereas using the factory building for non-residential is an easy win.

We submitted the 451 signatures and comments from our ePetition to Derby Council on 10th July. Thanks all, for signing, commenting and sharing. We await their response. Do look at our facebook page/website for more details.

Aida/Bliss Latest

Chris Morgan, Principal Housing Regeneration Officer, has written to say that Council Planning and OCOR officers recently met with the Environment Agency (EA) to discuss flood issues relating to housing development on the Aida Bliss site.

The LCRA requested last year that the Council meet with the EA on this issue. It has now taken place, but only after the Council's rejection of the GNC proposal for a non residential Heritage Vehicle Training Centre.

Chris has said that the meeting believed that a housing scheme on the site, situated in high risk Flood Zone 3a was "viable whilst challenging".

There remain concerns that:

- a residential development will expose additional residents and emergency services to flood risk if flood walls were breached.

- a large residential development will create additional parking, congestion and air quality problems.
- a residential development is likely to require the partial/complete destruction of the historic and internationally important Union Foundry building.
- if housing is to be built that it should be low density larger family housing and preferably with some ownership options available.
- more high density flats are not needed in Chester Green.

Chris Morgan has agreed to meet with members of the Planning subgroup of Darley Neighbourhood Board on 23.07.19 to further discuss the issue so we will keep you informed.

Waterside/Bridge Inn Plans

Planning permission has once again been sought at the Waterside Inn for a change of use into offices and flats.

The plans for this locally listed public house generated quite a bit of debate on our Facebook page. You can find the plans, and options to view and submit comments at :

<https://tinyurl.com/waterside2019>

Volunteers Needed

The residents' association is currently looking for support from local residents who are interested in local issues and are able to attend monthly meetings. We're a friendly bunch, and would welcome you with open arms! If you're interested, do drop us a line on either our facebook page, website, or email info@littlechester.org.uk

www.facebook.com/LittleChesterResidentsAssociation/

Little Chester News Letter August 2019



Landau Forte College

Well done Landau Forte College in Chester Green. It's come top of the Real Schools Guide 2019 (up from 2nd last year) of state secondary schools in Derby City and Derbyshire. <https://tinyurl.com/DerbySchools2019>

The top three schools in Derby & Derbyshire are:

1. Landau Forte College, Chester Green
2. Littleover Community School
3. The Ecclesbourne School



PUPPET THEATRE There will be a "Puppet-Theatre in the Garden" at **108 Chester Green Rd. DE1 3SF on 31st August 2 — 4pm**

Come and enjoy shadow puppet theatre shows and enjoy home-made refreshments. Free entry but we are happy to receive donations. There will be a puppet workshop for children (with their adults).

Please send a text to book your places as they are limited. Don't forget to leave your name. Phone number 07762264308. Dr Caroline Astell-Burt

Chester Green Entertainments Team

What an amazing afternoon we had for the "Picnic on the Green" - the weather was lovely, the entertainment brilliant, and with the face painter, treasure hunt, ice creams, games and raffles for kids and adults, there was something for everyone - a really great community get together!!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Picnic such a success. We are grateful to all the local businesses and loyal residents who support us by providing raffle prizes, with all proceeds going towards next years' Picnic!

Some of the local businesses that help to keep this event free and full of raffle prizes: APlant who provided the generator, £250 from QSC Signs & Graphics and J.R. Smith Newsagents, Chester Green Fish bar, White Rose College, Robert Ashley, Chester Green Mini Market, the Barbershop, the Duke of Clarence, Derby Family Chiropractic, Little Chester Ale House, Juleta cakes, Evergreen Garden who all provided raffle prizes this year.

Our City Our River News (OCOR)

1) Darley Abbey Path - The archaeological surveys found nothing of significance and construction of the path has commenced. The first 200m of the path has now been constructed up to base course level. The final surface for the whole path will be laid in one operation at the end of construction. As the scheme progresses we are spreading soil in areas where the informal path had been eroded and hopefully once the grass recovers these will disappear. The detailed design work for the new bridge and boardwalk continues.

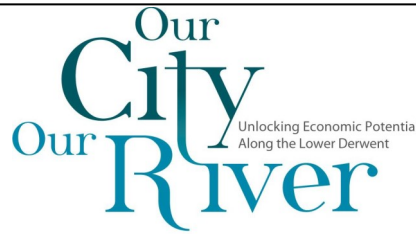
2) Package 1 Development Sites:
Aida Bliss – A contract has been awarded for work to start on the demolition at the rear of Aida to make way for the flood defences construction.
City Rd Business Centre (former Tomlinsons) works also commenced to demolish the buildings to allow construction of the defences . Plan is for both sites to have completed the watertight stage of construction by the end of the year.

3) Cricket Pavilion - Proposals for refurbishment of the Cricket Pavilion being worked up, and details of the improvement works to the cricket facilities. The detailed proposals need to be approved by a number of key stakeholders including Historic and Sport England but it is hoped that the works will be completed by next summer.

4) OCOR GBV Package 1 Works - The final stages of snagging are being completed.

5) Landscaping - Re-instatement is underway with the majority of the sites seeded now. The new grass areas are to be maintained by the contractor for the first year. Also much of the new tree and shrub planting has been carried out now and is subject to 5 years maintenance by the contractor. All remaining reinstatement will be carried out this autumn.

6) Sports provision at Darley Fields – Work is underway to construct new tennis courts, multi-use games areas and fitness area. The tennis courts are almost complete now. It is hoped that the courts will be completed by the end of August after which the surrounding areas can be reinstated.



LITTLE CHESTER HERITAGE CENTRE First Sunday in the month 2-4pm

Unique Heritage Centre with a special display showing how the grief-stricken community of Little Chester came together to raise the money for a proper war memorial. Plus displays of our history from Roman times to the 20th Century.
Free admission. Refreshments available. Tel 363354



Derwent Valley Vineyard Church would love to invite you for Afternoon Tea, which will include sandwiches, cakes, scones with jam & cream and tea or coffee.

Come along, enjoy good food and meet other people in your neighbourhood. Bring a friend.

When : 24th August 2.30pm – 4.30pm – St. Paul's Church Hall

: 28th September 2.30pm – 4.30pm – St. Paul's Church Hall

Price is £4.50 per person

Contact Lorna 07484 160993 for more information or to book a place.

<http://www.derbyvineyard.com/>



Chester Green Community Centre : Save the Date!

Rhian's Family Quiz Night — 14th September

A great night for all the family, bar and tuck shop will be open!

<http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/>

Smile

Q. What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

A. I don't know and I don't care.



St Paul's Church Chester Green August

4th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary

August 11th 10.00am Holy Communion

August 18th 10.00am Soul Sanctuary

August 25th 10.00am Contemplative Communion – joint service with St. Barnabas

Mass times at St Mary's Bridgegate

Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am, 6.30 pm

Mon, Tue, Wed 1.00pm

Thurs, Fri, 8.00am, 1.00pm (in the Convent)

Saturday 12.00pm

St Paul's Rainbow Tots Chester Green Baby/Toddler Group.

For 0-5s and their parents or carers.

Crafts, snacks, toys and song time in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Mondays in term time
10.00 - 12.00



£2 per family
St Paul's Church Hall .Seale Street,
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