

THE ALSAGER RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP

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CARDWAY PLANNING APPLICATION 13/4081C

The Cardway planning Application 13/4081C (see [HERE](#)) for 110 houses was refused by the Southern Planning Committee (22/10/2014) by 4 votes to 3 with 3 abstentions. The Alsager Town Strategy identified the Cardway Brownfield site for 50 houses and employment land. This application was for 110 houses and it also included greenfield open space land owned by Cheshire East.

Cllr Hough spoke, covering the loss of open space in addition to other points and Sue Helliwell, a resident, also made a presentation. Hon. Alderman Derek Bould presented on behalf of ARAG and the Town Council (this approach had been unanimously approved by the TC the previous evening) and you can read his presentation [HERE](#).

Alderman Bould also pointed out that the Town Strategy states 50 houses for this site and the Cheshire East SHLAA states 60 and that there could clearly be room for compromise but the application for 110 was contrary to this evidence. This was taken up strongly by Cllr Janet Clowes. It was the subject of much debate and appeared to influence the final decision to refuse the application on the grounds of Loss of Open Space.

At the same meeting, a planning application was considered in the Sandbach area on a site adjacent to the M6 motorway, for 13 houses. Planning was refused, following the officer recommendation, on the grounds of unacceptable noise and air quality levels. The chairman of the committee stated that the expectation which residents should have regarding their quality of life could not be realised by building on this site. Alderman Bould and Rafe Wakelin (ARAG) who attended for this item were amazed at this recommendation (although in full agreement) given the controversial and conflicting decision of the Strategic Planning Board to ignore the same (possibly even worse) situation in Alsager and permit housing development on the White Moss.