

KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Some of you may already be following STANLEY MILL development proposals closely and will know that you can study a long, long list of documents under the references on Stroud District Council's Planning section on their website. You can visit the Planning Department in person and see as much information as you wish to peruse, but the documents are many, and even SDC only had 2 paper sets & KSPC received a CD to study (which I could at least copy to your elected Parish Cllrs), so it is probably much easier to find what you might be interested in by looking references up yourself on the web. Many of you have computers so kick the kids off and get cracking! Here are the application references to use:

S.10/0880/FUL – the full application;

S.10/0881/LBC – the listed building consent application;

S.10/0882/CAC – the Conservation Area consent application.

SDC are logging the comments rolling in on S.10/1083/MISC.

It is not too late to send in your comments, but don't delay! Do not be put off by thinking you have to be an expert! SDC Planning needs YOUR feedback on what YOU think of the developers' way of saving the unique Z-shaped building, just as it needs the views of any interested parties. SDC has access to independent expert advice to enable them to make an informed judgement as to whether the benefits would outweigh the disbenefits. The Conservation lobby may be strong but bodies like English Heritage also have to make tough decisions in the real world.

You might think that having 152 homes there is a good thing. Whatever you think, if you feel strongly about any particular aspect of the proposed development you should make it your business to let SDC know. Others, from individuals to specialist organisations, have already begun to leave their feedback and what is really good is that anyone can read what they have had to say on the website. You can also re-visit later and see if anyone else has commented. The Parish Councils of Leonard Stanley & King's Stanley and Stonehouse Town Council have each been invited to comment as the proposals affect our 3 parishes. You live here too - have your say.

152 homes (or maybe fewer if there can be any bargaining) is a high price to pay in terms of the likely benefit to the community, so some of you may want to say whether you think it will help. Jobs may be retained, how many and would many others actually be created after completion? Don't just leave commenting to others. KSPC has not yet come to a view, nor decided exactly what comments it will make but certain concerns have already come to mind and been raised with KSPC.

Ideally SDC wants comments in by mid July. The applications are unlikely to come before its planning committee until August and even then it is hardly likely that any decision could be made so soon. There are a lot of in depth enquiries to be made by the planners. Ultimately, the application may possibly be referred higher up to the Secretary of State for the Environment to review and decide.

One thing KSPC is always asked is WHEN are we going to get traffic calming along Ryeford Road to get drivers to give way? Despite sustained efforts with various bodies & in icy weather we have been unable to get anything like what most people want because of what we are told are physical constraints in the lie of the land, shape of the road, the bridge – things that cannot for one reason or another be altered - one reason why KSPC is waiting keenly to see what GCC might be going to say about the proposed accesses onto Ryeford Rd for the mill development.

Following similar sustained efforts, a small hurray, not for the Ryeford Road but for Selsley Hill, as GCC has written to KSPC regarding a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit through Selsley. Again, not exactly as much as people there want, but as one Cllr said: Hurray! - it might help and at least residents can see GCC is trying to do something.

Our local voluntary Cotswold Warden (AKA P Cllr J Graham) advises that he has started clearance of the usual perennial growth of nettles etc blocking footpaths but warns that plants go mad in June and it will take a while to work around them. I will pass on complaints to him. He also noted that walkers are entitled to beat back nettles and cut down brambles if a FP is blocked – and your help in this respect would be hugely appreciated.

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