

# CHANGE IS COMING TO YOUR AREA

Bloor Homes is going to build 187 new homes on land off Garston Road. Only 22% of these are 'Affordable'. There will be new roads, a small park and childrens play area in the wrong place, one shop, no community centre, no new employment, and low levels of energy saving

## HAVE YOUR SAY NOW

Don't assume that the credit crunch means nothing will be built.

This is a new Planning Application that must be decided now, even if nothing is built for 5 years.

If you don't comment now, don't complain later that the planners got it wrong.

If you made comments last July to Bloor Homes, you need to comment again, but this time to Mendip District Council.

## HOW TO CONTACT MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

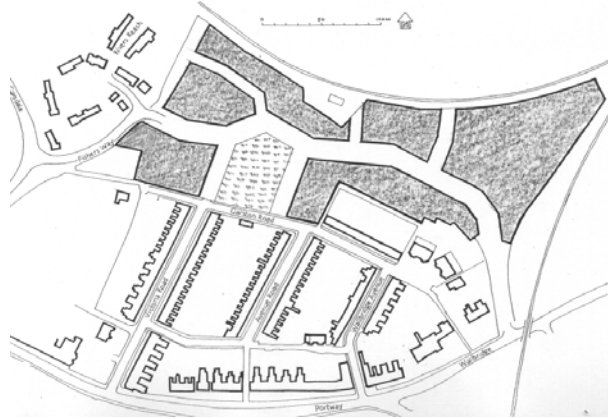
**Any comments you want to make on Bloor Homes Planning Application should be sent to Les Kimberley, at Mendip District Council, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 5BT and should quote Planning Application No. 071064/007.**

Alternatively, email your comments to: [kimberleyl@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:kimberleyl@mendip.gov.uk)

**Comments should be returned by Monday 1 December. However, the Council is obliged to consider any later responses, up to the time it makes a decision on the application.**

## THE PARK AND CHILDRENS PLAY AREA

**Location of the Park and Childrens Play Area, as shown in the Council's Planning Brief, next to Garston Road**



The Council's Planning Brief required the new park and childrens play area to be next to Garston Road so that it would be easily accessible to both existing families and new families

**Location of Park and Childrens Play Area, as shown in Bloor Homes Planning Application, next to the freight railway line**

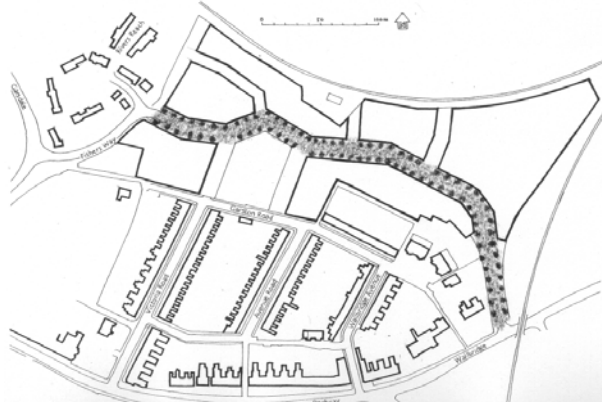


Bloor Homes Planning Application locates a much smaller, oblong shaped park and childrens play area next to the freight railway line where it will be less visible to existing families and further from them. It will be within the 'territory' of the new housing

**If you don't agree with the size and location of the park and childrens play area next to the railway line, and want the park to be bigger and located next to Garston Road, you should write to Mendip District Council now.**

## THE TREE LINED AVENUE

The tree lined avenue as shown in the Council's Planning Brief



The Council's Planning Brief showed a wide tree lined avenue winding through the new housing from Wallbridge to Garsdale giving it its own strong sense of character. Speeding would be discouraged by varying the road alignment and surface paving.

**The narrow, almost treeless, dog-legged access road shown in Bloor Homes Planning Application**



Bloor Homes Planning Application deletes the Council's proposal for a wide tree lined avenue and replaces it with a narrower, almost treeless access road with 4 right angle corners. It will be difficult to find your way around, and confusing for delivery vans and visitors

**If you don't agree with the deletion of the tree lined avenue, and want the tree lined avenue to be included, you should write to Mendip District Council now.**

## **OTHER ISSUES**

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**Affordable Homes:** Bloor Homes Planning Application for 187 new homes will only provide 41 homes for rent or shared ownership (22%) and 34 'low cost' homes for sale (18%). These are referred to as 'Affordable Homes'.

**If you think there should be more affordable homes, write to Mendip.**

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**Employment:** The Council's Planning Brief is for a 'mixed use development'. This means there should be areas for computer based companies and offices, to help reduce the length of journeys to work. Apart from the one shop, Bloor Homes' Planning Application is for a 'single use' development of housing.

**If you think they should provide some areas for office based companies, write to Mendip.**

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**Energy Saving Homes:** The Council's Planning Brief emphasises the need for energy saving homes with low carbon emissions. Bloor Homes Planning Application will achieve 'Level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes' for the houses for rent or shared ownership, and says that the remaining housing will comply with Building Regulations.

**If you think they should achieve a higher level of energy saving, write to Mendip.**

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**Community Centre:** At the meeting of the East Mendip Community Partnership on 3 June 2008, the need for a community centre in this part of Frome was emphasised. Bloor Homes Planning Application does not include a Community Centre.

**If you think that a Community Centre should be provided, write to Mendip.**

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**Allotments:** The Design Panel suggested there could be some allotments.

**If you think there should be some allotments, write to Mendip.**

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This leaflet has been produced by Frome Civic Society

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