

Chillaton Newsletter

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Planning Application for car sales and repairs with new road access on land near Sunwaye, Chillaton

An application has been made to West Devon Borough Council for outline planning permission to develop part of the land currently used by Mr Pengelly next to Sunwaye, on the road to Lifton. A commercial garage for car repairs would be erected and the adjacent area used for car sales.

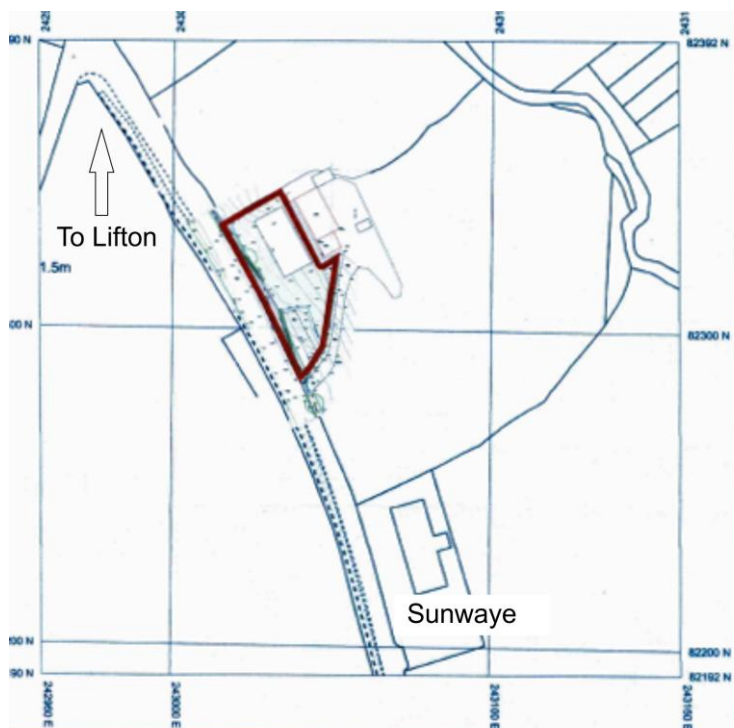
The application has been made by Mr Wood, who currently operates the Chillaton Garage in the centre of the village.

The application is for outline planning permission. This means that the purpose of the application is to seek approval in general terms for any necessary change of use of the land and the physical development involved. If that application was approved, the details of the actual development would be determined under a further planning application. Consequently, there is no information as to the height of the proposed car repair building.

There is currently some confusion over the date by which any representations have to be received. The Borough Council's list of planning applications states this is the 17th December. The statutory notice to be displayed on site states the 24th December.

Until this is clarified, anyone wishing to make representations should work on the 17th as the final date.

A location plan is shown here:



The Parish Council has yet to consider this application. Chillaton Parish Councillors will ask for a site meeting as soon as possible, at which they would hope to discuss various aspects of the proposed development with the applicant.

Some of issues that the Parish Council, through its Chillaton Planning Sub Committee, may wish to consider include:

1. The visual impact of a car sales area that is designed to be seen by passing traffic and therefore has no screening from the highway.
2. Whether or not a development of this kind is appropriate, given its location in an area that, although used in part commercially, currently has little impact visually or otherwise.
3. Whether or not such a proposal would create a precedent for the further development of the remainder of the land in commercial use at the site, or nearby land.

If you have any views on this application, please let your parish councillors know what they are by clicking on this link parish_councillors@chillaton.net and by making representations to the Borough Council by following this link <http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=7143&p=0>

Alternatively, you can email dm@westdevon.gov.uk

or write to:

The Planning Department
West Devon Borough Council
Kilworthy Park
Tavistock
PL19 0BZ

As soon as we have any further information regarding this application, we will let you know.

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