PINVIN SAYS NO! TO THE MUSHROOM FACTORY

At Thursday evening's meeting about the Mushroom Factory we heard about the modified plans submitted by Walsh Mushrooms and the consultation period on these changes which lasts until midnight on Friday 3 August 2021. Details of how to object are below.

We now have a date for the Planning Committee meeting at which the application will be considered. It will be on 16 September 2021 at 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber in the Civic Centre in Pershore. We will be represented at that meeting, hopefully by a professional planner. We expect that as many people as possible will come along to attend the meeting (provided they have changed the Covid-19 restriction on allowing the public to attend) and to protest outside as members of the planning committee arrive for the meeting.

And talking of protests, the meeting agreed that we will hold a protest at or near the proposed site. The date of the protest will be 9 September 2021 and we need to have a very large turnout of residents from the village if we want to make our voices heard and our feelings on the mushroom factory known. The date has been chosen to reach the press in sufficient time before the meeting.

Other topics considered include writing individual emails to members of the Planning Committee, whether CPRE could have a role to play, and preparing for a possible judicial review if the application should be approved. More on those shortly.

Objections to the plans

You can object to the new plans, but it may affect the value of your objection if you include matters which have not changed. You can comment on reports that are included in the new submissions.

Go to https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/20/02906/FUL, press the button "Documents" and look for any documents dated on or after 12/08/2021. The link to comment on the plans is at the top of the "Documents" page or via the link below

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Comment/20/02906/FUL.

The things you may wish to consider in your objection may include

• The application still conflicts with SWDP (South Worcestershire Development Plan) Policies 2 and 8 (this is quite important!).

- The buildings remain within 250m of the school and houses, despite being moved 40m away.
- A 2m hedge does not screen a 7m building from views from the village.
- There is now a roadway along the eastern side of the building which will increase the noise and pollution, not decrease them as the submission states.
- There is no resolution to the drainage issue.
- The changes do not address the traffic considerations in any meaningful way.

Don't forget, the closing date for objections will be strictly enforced on Friday 3 September, so get writing now!