Co Op

Monday 29th September 2025

Werrington Library at 1130hrs

Summary

In attendance:

Cllr K Griffiths, Cllr B Hughes, and Cllr D Shaw

3 representatives from the co op and the Clerk Gemma Keiher-Knapper

The co op requested to meet with the Parish Council following refusal of the planning application for a new store on Ash Bank Road. The application was refused by SMDC Planning Committee and also refused by the Planning Inspectorate upon appeal.

The co op representatives informed the meeting that the planning application had been refused on design so they had been working on improving the design and would like to consult with the Parish Council because the current store is no longer fit for purposes such as stock variety, storage, deliveries or parking. They want to provide a store that is sustainable long term.

The Parish Council stressed that the Parish Council concerns are:

- The speed of Ash Bank needs to be reduced to 30mph.
- An additional traffic light crossing needs installation above the proposed site.
- Drainage assessment needs to be carried out as Chatworth experiences flooding since the new houses.
- Deliveries will be at sensible times and suitable areas in the car park.
- Noise and lighting to be assessed to not affect residents.
- Sustainable build that is energy efficient.

The co op responded that:

- Highways had signed the access off however they will investigate further if the road speed can be reduced.
- Also agreed to look into the crossing as it was co ops understanding that the housing development should have installed a crossing as one of their conditions.
- The co op said that there would be solar panels and EV charging points.

- Designated delivery bay.
- Separate footpath entrance.
- Suitable operational hours.
- Delivery management plan.

In conclusion the Parish Council asked co op to consult with the residents before submitting another planning application either by contacting the Clerk to arrange room hire for an information evening or but delivering a leaflet with contact details for residents to provide feedback. Co op agreed to look into this.