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New Local Plan Consultation

Cheshire East Council is seeking your views on what their new local plan should contain.

You can find the extensive scoping plan and supporting papers on the Cheshire East website. Perhaps the biggest challenge will be to deliver plans for a 41% increase in calculated housing need - now 2,530 homes per year up from 1,800 in the current local plan. The local plan scoping consultation is open until 5pm on 1 September.

In parallel with the development of a new local plan Cheshire East has sent out a 'call for sites' where landowners can offer their land for inclusion in the next local plan. The submission of a site to the council does not necessarily mean that it will be included in the new local plan or brought forward via a planning application. Also, landowners often propose their sites for building houses which are more lucrative but the local plan could decide to include industrial units. See the submitted sites on the 'Call for Sites' map on the website.

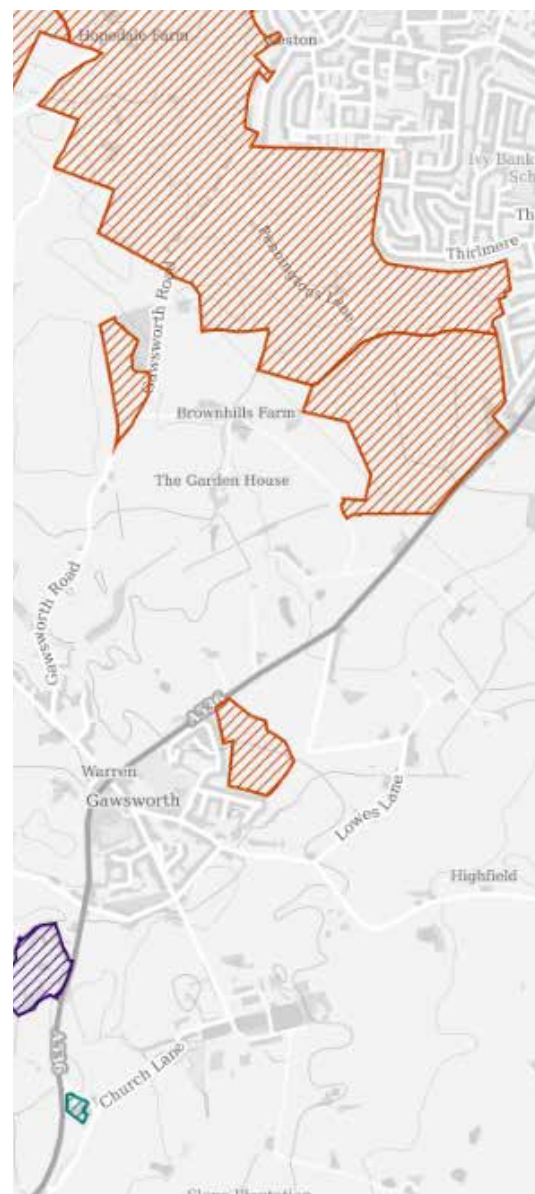
Several potential development sites in Gawsworth have been put forward by landowners. As Gawsworth Parish is almost all

Green Belt development sites would have to be taken out of Green Belt or designated as Grey Belt to be included in the plan.

As expected the LPS15 site behind the Rising Sun which had outline planning approval and the belt of 'safeguarded' (for development) land stretching round to Henbury both appear on the submitted sites map. Danes Moss North development was included in the current Local Plan but hasn't been put forward in the current call for sites. The 900 houses planned for that site must now be found elsewhere in addition to the recently greatly increased housing targets for Cheshire East.

A surprise for Gawsworth residents has been that the fields behind Benbrook Way and St James Avenue have been offered as a site for housing. These are the same fields that the Peak Cluster pipeline is planned to cut across although there could be room for both.

Other sites in Gawsworth submitted for potential building are fields below Highburch Wood on Gawsworth Road where the Peak Cluster Ltd AGI could be sited (for housing), Land behind the Harrington Arms (for mixed



use development), the Tarmac site on the A536 (for 'economy and employment') and land off the A536 near Dighills Farm (for housing).

There has also been a call for sites for mineral extraction but these are not made public by Cheshire East Council. These could include requests for expanded quarrying of silica sand although these are most likely to be to the south of Gawsworth parish.



Obituary Jane Palmer

The community was saddened to learn of the death of Jane Miriam Palmer, who passed away at home on 19 July aged 90.

Jane was a dedicated public servant and a well-known and respected figure in Gawsworth, giving many years of service to both local government and village life. She served as the councillor for Gawsworth Ward on Macclesfield BC for 19 years, where she earned a reputation for her integrity, approachability and

unwavering commitment to her residents.

A passionate advocate for the rural community, Jane believed strongly in the value of local government and worked tirelessly to protect and enhance the area she loved.

Her late husband, David Palmer, also enjoyed a distinguished career in local government, serving for many years as a Cheshire County Councillor. Together, they made a lasting contribution to public life and to the communities they served.

She was also a devoted supporter of St James the Great Church and gave generously of her time as an active fundraiser for The Children's Society.

Above all, Jane was devoted to her family. She is survived by her four children, twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one more great-grandchild expected. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

And the survey says...

Gawsworth Parish Council considered the first data from the community survey at its meeting in July.

The council was pleased to see the high readership of the Gawsworth Gazette and reviewed suggestions for improvements. We will be looking to have more content from the school, local history and 'getting to know' segments with community leaders.

The survey sought views on a potential extension of the churchyard to secure long-term burial provision in the village. 86% of respondents confirmed they

believe there should continue to be active burial ground and there was support for the parish council subsidising the churchyard, or operating it directly (69% and 70% respectively). This will inform future discussions with the Diocese and Church.

The final section looked at was Peak Cluster. 94% of respondents were aware of the project, with 81% opposing it (16% no view, 4% support). The detailed concerns raised had all been well aired and formed the basis of the council and Gawsworth Resident's Group's objections to the first consultation.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on 13th August.

Produce Show returns

The Gawsworth Produce show is back this September at Gawsworth Village Hall.

New categories have been added for art and baking - and you can pick up an entry from the Hub.

Add the event to your diaries to view the entries - viewing admission is free!

Food waste collection

New weekly food waste collections are coming to Cheshire East.

Residents will soon receive everything they need to prepare for the new recycling service. Outdoor food waste caddies are being undertaken in phases and Gawsworth is due to receive theirs in the coming weeks.

Collection schedules will be published mid-September and the new service will start in the autumn. Weekly food waste collections are a requirement of Government's Simpler Recycling legislation.

Black bin (general waste) collections will move to three-weekly but silver bin (recycling) collections, and garden waste (for those who subscribe) will continue as normal.

Check out Cheshire East's website for more information. www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foodwastechanges

Morris Gawsworth

The photograph shows Lower Withington Morris Dance Troupe dancing outside Gawsworth Rectory in 1954.

The 'side' was formed in 1951 and disbanded ten years later. They were a familiar sight at local Rose Queen and church fêtes and enjoyed success in morris dancing competitions across the North of England.

There were several morris troupes in Cheshire in the first half of the 20th century including Goostrey (who were three times All-England champions) but also Holmes Chapel, Lymm, Mobberley, Over Peover, Over Alderley and Knutsford Boys Home. We haven't heard of a historic Gawsworth-based



side but have you noticed the 500-year-old whistle and drum player grotesque above the entrance to St James Church? The pipe and tabor is one of the traditional instruments used to accompany morris dancers.

More recently Gawsworth children performed morris dancing when Simon Jones, a well-known writer about folk

music, taught at our school. Then some energetic parents dressed up in their bells and baldricks and gave a credible performance which raised a few giggles at a Rose Queen fete a few years ago.

'Cock of the North' was a favourite tune for North West morris. A tune which had a recent outing in the maypole dance in the last Gawsworth panto.

Environment sensitivities paper finalised

At its July meeting Gawsworth Parish Council finalised a paper that brings together local knowledge on the environmental impacts of the proposed Peak Cluster Ltd pipeline and AGI in the parish.

The paper was drafted by Cllr Paul Woods, based on valuable information provided by Gawsworth residents and landowners. Other councillors suggested some changes and the final version can be read on the Gawsworth Life website.

Taking a section at a time, the paper focusses widespread concerns on the particular environmental harms that will be caused along the pipeline route through Gawsworth.

In an effort to ensure that Gawsworth environmental concerns are heard the paper will now be sent to bodies which are considering the impact of the pipeline including Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Cheshire East Council and Campaign to Protect Rural England.

If you think we've missed something do let the Parish Council know so we can update the paper.

**GAWSWORTH
PRODUCE SHOW**

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026
**GAWSWORTH VILLAGE
HALL**

new categories added!

**ENTRY FORMS FROM
GAWSWORTH SHOP**
Exhibits 8:30 - 10:30am
JUDGING 11:00am
AWARDS 3pm
**REFRESHMENTS
SERVED 1:00-4:00pm**
**FREE ADMISSION TO
ALL FROM 1:00pm**

Upcoming Events at Gawsworth Hub

It has been another wonderfully busy month at Gawsworth Hub, with plenty of community events, fundraising and social activities bringing people together.

The Hub was delighted to welcome the Deaf and Sensory Network outreach team. Their visit proved to be a tremendous success, with more than 30 people dropping in to find out about the support and services available, take away information and access advice.

A huge congratulations to Janet and her friends, who held a fantastic cake sale on 9th July in aid of the Stroke Association. With an irresistible selection of homemade cakes, cookies and sweet treats, they raised an amazing £520, enough to help fund the Stroke Association's Meet, Move and Improve group for six months. Thank you to everyone who baked, volunteered and supported the event.

The Hub's annual Volunteer Barbecue at the Harrington Arms was the biggest yet, with over 50 volunteers enjoying a lovely evening together. Thanks to the generosity of customers, Repair

Café donations and proceeds from the Christmas raffle, the Hub is able to hold this annual thank-you event for volunteers. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to socialise away from their usual shifts. During the evening the outstanding contribution of David Smetham was recognised.

July has also been full of social activities for the Hub's volunteers. Thanks to Yvonne and Pete Phillips who hosted a fascinating tour around Capesthorne Hall Gardens and treated fellow volunteers to some delicious homemade sweet treats.

The ELO concert at Gawsworth Hall provided a perfect setting for a memorable evening get together, with an amazing spread of homemade food that volunteers brought along, lots of dancing too and fun had by all.

Louise Hamer (one of the Hub's longstanding volunteers) hosted a wonderful afternoon tea garden party in the glorious sunshine. Volunteers were treated to an array of delicious homemade cakes and scones and jam with a splash of prosecco too. Big thanks for

Shop Opening Hours

Monday	08:00 - 13:30
Tuesday	08:00 - 13:30
Wednesday	08:00 - 13:30
Thursday	08:00 - 16:00
Friday	08:00 - 16:00
Saturday	08:00 - 13:00
Sunday	08:00 - 10:30

a smashing afternoon with lots of chat and friendly vibes. A quintessentially English afternoon.

The Hub would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Daniel, who has recently left the Hub to take up a new job. Daniel has made a tremendous contribution over the years through both his paid role and his volunteering, particularly with EPOS, stock management and administration. The Hub would like to wish him every success for the future.

There is plenty to look forward to over the coming months:

Friday 4th September (2-4.30pm) Fundraising afternoon for West Warriors MND, with Jaunty Janet and the Gallivanting Grandads, featuring games, raffle prizes, cakes and refreshments.

Friday 18th September: Movie Night at Gawsworth Village Hall featuring The Choral. Tickets will be available soon.

Friday 16th October: The ever-popular Bingo Night returns this time to the Scout Hall..... a larger venue to meet a larger demand. Tickets go on sale at the end of August.

As always, thank you to all volunteers, customers and supporters. Your generosity, enthusiasm and community spirit continue to make Gawsworth Hub such a special place.

