Dear Resident

You are receiving this update as you either attended the meeting at the Ashby Tavern on 13/01/2015 or have shown an interest in the Appeal for development of the site to the rear of Asda, known locally as “The Big Pit”.

It was extremely encouraging to see so many local residents turn up at the meeting and it showed that there is a strong feeling that the development should NOT go ahead. We hope that you found the presentation to be informative and worthwhile.

An amount of money was donated at the end of the meeting, totalling £150.62. This will be used as a contingency fund. If any expenses are incurred in the future, this will be documented. If anyone wishes to view any such documentation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

There have been a number of recent reports of a strange “sulphur like” smell in the local area. A number of residents suggested that this was linked to the Pit as the last time such a smell was in the area a de-watering process was being carried out (a number of years ago). At the time of writing, there is no indication that the process is being carried out again and the Pit is still full of water. Please can everyone keep a look out for any activity around the Pit when this smell is apparent? We still do not know where the smell is coming from. If anyone has any concerns, or wishes to report anything regarding the smell, you can contact the Severn Trent 24hr Customer Operations Service Centre – 0800 7834444.

A letter to Asda is currently being compiled and will be sent to them shortly. This will describe our concerns about the stability of the land close to the store, as the Pit is so close. As they are not even aware of the new pipe that will need to be laid in the staff car park, it looks as though they are going to have to voice their own concerns over the development and the potential disruption to their daily business.

John Barron has put together a list of questions that we are asking the Environmental Agency / Severn Trent Water regarding the de-watering process of the Pit. We can confirm that these have been submitted and we are awaiting a reply.

A Petition may be organised to demonstrate the amount of resistance to the Pit development. In addition to this, a fund raising evening may also be organised but this has not yet been confirmed.

We would also like to remind you that there is a Facebook page, The Big Pit Resistance Group. Any suggestions, news and communication can be carried out via this page. You can also email Andy Goadby: (andygoadby1@gmail.com) directly.

Thank you again for your support and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

The Big Pit Resistance Group