

Lochailort Planning Applications

I am sure that by now residents will have heard on the village grape vine that the 3 planning applications from Lochailort (2020/2053/FUL for 27 dwellings, 2022/1522/FUL for 30 dwellings, and 2023/0246/FUL for 8 dwellings) were all withdrawn. No reason was given by Lochailort.

These were the applications to which the Parish Council decided to object at the meeting held in the church on Wednesday 8 March.

However, the withdrawn applications have now been replaced by 2023/0643/FUL for 27 dwellings, 2023/0644/FUL for 30 dwellings, and 2023/0640/FUL for 8 dwellings).

These new applications are seemingly identical to the previously withdrawn applications **in all respects** save that the land ownership details have been changed. Lochailort has not consulted with the Parish Council regarding these new applications.

The new Unitary Authority, Somerset Council, has informed us that in spite of the detail of the applications being unchanged previous comments cannot be carried over. Therefore, should residents wish to comment on the 'new' applications, comments must be submitted again.

The latest date for consultation responses for these 'new' applications is stated to be 8 May 2023. However, following consultation between the Case Officer and the PC that deadline has been extended to **14 June 2023**.

These applications will be determined by the new Somerset Planning Authority. However, if residents were able to previously submit comments to Mendip online, that registration has been enabled on the new planning portal. The new address is <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/?district=Mendip>.

Alternatively, comments can be emailed directly to PlanningEast@somerset.gov.uk. You will need to give the application number as well as your name and address (your address will not appear online).

Because these applications are 'new' the Parish Council will also have to consider these applications. This will be done at a special Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10 May.

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