

## Report to TTEF 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

1. Whitecross application is the primary focus of our activities at this time.

A site visit took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March by the Planning Committee, which was well attended by members of the public. Although not permitted to speak to Members of the Planning Committee, they made their views on the proposed application very clear. The site visit was also an item on BBC Spotlight that evening.

Co incidently it was via the BBC website report that we learnt that the application will be heard by the Planning Committee 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The strength of community opposition to this enviromentally damaging proposal is evidenced by the overwhelming response to the crowdfund raising appeal that saw the target £10k raised within 5 days!

This fund enables the enggement of a legal team who will make a submission in respect of the principal planning material issues that need to be considered at this stage – short and long term impacts of the proposed construction activities on the landscape, its habitats and ecology.

Updates about this application can be found on Love Braunton and Save Our Sands FaceBook threads.

2. Velator Update –Initial meeting with Parish Clerk and gave an overview of the boats along Braunton Pill above Velotor Quay summarising the issue of abandoned boats (navigational hazards and environmental hazards due to being made from fibre glass) and the numerous house boats, which appear to have no means of sanitation or ways of getting rid of rubbish. Possible that those living in the house boats probably don't realise that they are causing issues. in law those living on house boats have the same protections as Travellers, which raises the possibility there might be funding to help resolve the issues.

Follow up meeting with the Parish Clerk agreed for mid May by which time Parish papers relating to river bank matters should have been located.

It is recognised that this issue is not straight forward and may take a while to resolve

3. Not directly related to Forum intersts but activities that Love Braunton will pursue over the next 12 months are:
  - Continue to promote Braunton Parish's Neighbourhood Plan so as to ensure that the Parish develops as residents want and not as imposed by developers.
  - Planning Applications – responding to applications that have both positive and negative implications for our neighbourhood
  - Progress Braunton Village Masterplan design document
  - Work with Parish Council in respect of Velator Quay

- Grow membership and encourage active participation in our activities
- Continue to work with other local organisations - CARA, CPRE, Tav/Torridge Forum, Heanton Punchardon Parish Council and Braunton Parish Council.
- Fundraising – to support community gardens, plants for the Village Green, trees and street furniture
- Community events – Village fairs and quizzes

4. Love Braunton contact details:

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