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Local Plan.

Cheshire East Planners are preparing a list of sites which might be included in the revised Local Plan to be submitted to the Inspector later this year. The two sites that are of particular concern to Henbury PC are in the Green Belt between Henbury and Macclesfield. There will be public consultations on their suitability, probably in February; the PC will join with the Henbury Society in opposing their inclusion in any plan. (Incidentally, the site between Whirley Road and Chelford Road is flooded at present, and might for that reason alone be unattractive to developers.)

Footpath No. 1, at Sandbach Farm.

The PC takes responsibility for informing Cheshire East of any problems with local footpaths. Many residents will know the path from Lingards Farm on Fanshaw Lane, past Sandbach Farm to Henbury Moss Cottage, and onwards to Thornycroft. The short section north of Henbury Moss cottage is designated Path No.1. This has recently been obstructed by a barbed wire fence which forces a deviation up a steep bank. This is unacceptable, and the PC is requesting a site meeting with the Public Rights of Way Officer, and will insist the fence be relocated or removed entirely.

Road Safety.

There is widespread concern about hazards of increasing traffic on Church Lane and Andertons Lane, particularly with large numbers of cyclists sweeping round blind corners near the new development at the former Barlows Engineers. We will request a meeting with Road Safety at Cheshire Highways to discuss possible remedies or improved signage.

Local Housekeeping.

The good news is that several minor road and footpath improvements have been made, including drainage and resurfacing of the footpath to Whirley Road, near the school. The Environmental Project will continue through 2016, starting with more tree planting close to the footpath at Marlheath Farm (this might include a small orchard, which would add to the attractions of our footpath network).

The PC expenditure continues to be within budget, and the precept will continue unchanged.