

# Keep Shirley Alive Newsletter

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## Public Inquiry Starts on May 8th

### Dear Neighbour,

It seems like a long time since we published a newsletter. For those of you who don't know us or are new to Shirley, we are simply a group of residents who care about where we live.

For the past few years we have opposed Council proposals for the Asda based "Heart of Shirley" development now known as "Parkgate".

**There is a public Inquiry starting at 10 am on Thursday May 8th in the Council Chamber, Solihull Council House, Homer Road.**

The inquiry, which could last up to 8 days, concerns the Compulsory Purchase Orders to enable the "Parkgate" development to proceed.

It also covers the closure of a service road, and an order to close the existing park footpath from Haslucks Green Road and lay a new one skirting the proposed 2 acre 'temporary' car park to be laid within the park. As residents and park users we have objected to this order, and along with many others, we have genuine concerns about the proposals for the footpath.

The public inquiry is open to the public, and if you wish to address the inspector the Council recommend that you either contact them or attend the inquiry on the opening day (8th May) to tell the Inspector that you wish to speak.

If like us you care about Shirley, we hope to see you at the inquiry if you can come. At the time of printing we do not know the day on which park footpath objections will be heard. We suggest you contact the Council for the latest details. KSA: You are also welcome to telephone Richard Wise 0121 745 2679

Several business owners and also local Councilors are objecting to the Compulsory Purchase Orders.

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents and shopkeepers who have supported us over the years.**

Sincerely,

*Keep Shirley Alive*

### Why have we opposed "Parkgate"?

- Because we think the development is too big, and is based around yet another huge superstore. *We have 7 supermarkets and superstores in Shirley already. Another one may be the final death blow for some small shopkeepers.*
- Because of the extra traffic & pollution.
- Because the development consumes 2.63 acres of Shirley parkland and open space (including the Ring of Oaks) plus another 1.86 acres of parkland for the 'temporary' car park.

## PUBLIC INQUIRY

**Into Solihull  
MBC (Shirley  
Town Centre  
Redevelopment)  
Compulsory  
Purchase Order  
2007 and related  
Orders**

**STARTS 10 am  
THURSDAY MAY 8th  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
COUNCIL HOUSE  
SOLIHULL MBC  
HOMER ROAD  
SOLIHULL**

**The inquiry may last  
for up to 8 days**

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