

Dear Member

**Farleigh Fields** You may remember that there was a small cloud hanging over the good news we had in late March, that the developer, Charles Church, lost its appeal against the decision to refuse housing on Farleigh Fields. The cloud was that there was a 6-week period during which Charles Church could appeal to the High Court on a point of law. The 6 weeks have now expired, with no further appeal lodged, so the cloud has been blown away! Please use the footpaths across Farleigh Fields as much as possible in celebration.

**West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP)** This regional plan covering an area including Bristol and Bath proposes 700 houses on Grove Farm, SW of Backwell and various "indicative" major infrastructure additions and changes. An Inspector is now reviewing the JSP, along with nearly 5,000 comments from the public, many of which came from BRA members. An email communication was sent to those who made a comment, giving the next steps in the process which is likely to include a hearing in autumn 2018, with the Inspector's report in early 2019. The letter may be viewed on the BRA website <http://www.backwellresidents.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Letter-4th-May-2018-West-of-England-Joint-Planning.pdf>

We will keep members informed of progress and will certainly let you know when the time comes for further comments or involvement.

**Bristol Airport** produced a consultation document, presenting three possible scenarios for future expansion, which was explained at various local venues in late 2017 and Jan 2018. The company has examined the comments made and is starting consultation on a new "Master Plan", soon to be posted on [www.bristolairport.co.uk/future](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk/future). Consultation will run until early July. BRA will be considering the proposals and will comment. BRA will also suggest points you might like to mention in any comments you make. The airport impinges on Backwell life in several ways, not the least of which will be the changed infrastructure to carry the much-increased passenger numbers.

**Backwell Annual Parish Meeting of Electors Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April** Our chairman, Keith Riches, gave an overview of BRA's activities during the last busy year. We have posted it on our website for our members who were not present at this meeting, to see the wide range of topics covered. This may be viewed on the BRA website at <http://www.backwellresidents.org.uk/other-info/>

Best wishes

From your BRA Committee

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PS Please note that Richard Barclay no longer works from "The Tile Room" in Station Road, which has now closed, along with the BRA box, which he kindly kept for us there. Other delivery locations for BRA subscriptions are shown on our membership form, including the Drop Box inside the Post Office.