Dear Member

**APPLICATION TO BUILD 65 HOUSES OFF RODNEY ROAD**

Our BRA bulletin of 22.8.20 gave details of this application, and suggested several reasons to make an objection. It is attached to this bulletin.

Well done – Backwell residents!  At the time of sending this bulletin there are 191 objections to the planning application, with only 2 supporting it. Comments vary from just a few sentences to well-argued substantial paragraphs on each main issue.

**Please respond in whatever way you like. A large number of objections will have a significant impact**. We understand that Backwell Scout Group will be objecting.

The link to view comments and make a comment is given below:

<https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=neighbourComments&keyVal=QELJ7RLPGK700>

It has a button marked “Make a Comment” on the right-hand side.

**The process for making a comment is straightforward and we urge all members to do so before the expiry date of Wednesday 9th September.**

**BACKWELL SCHOOL**

The school will be open to all its 1800 students from Monday 7th September.

As well as major changes within the school grounds, new arrangements have been made to avoid large groups of students leaving at one time, particularly along Station Road where social distancing is almost impossible.

Among the many changes are:

* encouraging more students to walk or cycle to school
* creating a Park and Stride scheme, whereby children can be dropped off at The George, Rising Sun and Nailsea/Backwell Station, rather than at school
* using the pedestrian gate next to the leisure centre to reduce the numbers on Station Road
* staggering the finish times from 3pm
* during lockdown, neighbours were allowed to use the school fields for recreation. This will not now be permitted at any time

Backwell School Headteacher, Mr J Nunes, sent a letter to local residents, which is attached to this email. Full details on the reopening of the school can be seen on the school website;

[www.backwellschool.net/sept2020](http://www.backwellschool.net/sept2020)

A glance at these changes, which are taking place along with some building works, shows how busy everyone has been, and not forgetting the A level and GCSE traumas!!

We wish everyone in our local schools much good luck and success for the new academic year, in these difficult and challenging times.