

As you may know a Planning Application for the whole “Cowards” Mill site, on the Chelmsford Road opposite Hylands School, has been extensively revised and updated to include the views of both County and City Councillors, the Parish Council and Villagers.

The resulting planning application 16/00086/ FUL, sets out in considerable detail a case for re building the Mill on its original footprint, removing over an acre of concrete and creating a nature conservation area on the larger part of the site which will be transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council. As many know the site has been used for many years for commercial purposes, but it is in the Green Belt and is a Green Wedge marking the separation between Writtle and Chelmsford. Whilst this could be seen as building in the Green Belt it should have the benefit of ensuring the long term integrity of the village's boundary and will enhance this otherwise derelict land which is an eyesore at the entrance to our Village.

If you have views on this Application or wish to find out more you may wish to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council's Planning & Development Committee on Monday 15th February at 7.30pm.

Alternatively, your views on the Planning Application can be made to the Planning Department of the Chelmsford City Council Website or to the Writtle Parish Council.