

## Station Works Update

The Parish Council has consulted our professional advisors and we want to update everyone on the situation.

You will probably now know that the planning inspector rejected the developers' appeal. You can read the judgement here: <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3308919>

Another new piece of information is that he also rejected all counter claims for costs.

So, it is in many ways a victory for the community, and we should rightly be proud of what we have achieved; however, we do feel we need to sound a note of caution.

To our surprise the inspector dismissed almost all the arguments against the proposal - he rejected it mainly on the grounds that the proposed walkway through the 3 Arch Bridge would be liable to flooding.

What happens next? We are not yet in touch with the developers as we are waiting to see if they seek to overturn the decision at a Judicial Review. They have six weeks until after the judgement to do this.

They could also put in a new planning application, but this would probably take some time. It would also require them to find a solution to the issue of flooding. The application would be starting from scratch and a number of factors will by then have changed. For example: housing number allocations, environmental guidelines, the strength of Neighbourhood Plans, the situation with Network Rail etc.

The developer could also sell the site to a new developer or perhaps to an alternative organisation with different priorities. We just don't know.

In the meantime, the Neighbourhood Plan team are garnering our strength to face, once again, the incredibly complex and slippery world of planning. However, we are determined to learn from our experience and make the new Neighbourhood Plan even stronger.

Thank you for all your support. We will keep you posted on any news.

**Simon Davison, Chair of Tisbury Parish Council**

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