

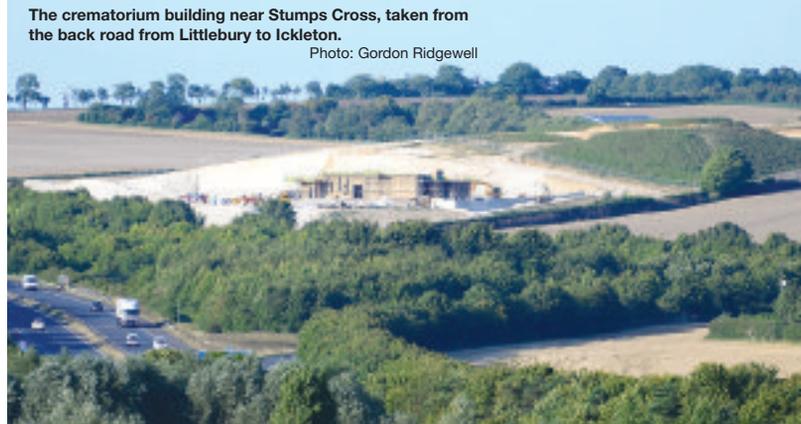
R4U is supporting refusal of plans for development

RESIDENTS for Uttlesford (R4U), the local party of towns and villages, has announced that this week a number of its councillors are supporting the refusal of a 94-home development at planning appeal this week.

A planning appeal got underway this week to defend the refusal of a 94-house development on farmland at the southern edge of Newport. The development was rejected by the Uttlesford District Council Planning Committee last November and appealed by the landowner Ellis Trust.

The refusal is being defended by UDC, the Newport Parish Council, local residents, and R4U councillors Judy Emanuel, Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves, who said "This is a poor development. It prevents the needed expansion of the primary school; it proposes a dangerous entry onto the busy B1383; it will cause excessive water run off into the floodplain, which already risks homes; and it is a development that is out of keeping with our medieval village.

"Appeals are long, technical and detailed processes. We are working hard to oppose this inappropriate development and we expect the appeal to take most of this week, with the result a few weeks after that."



The crematorium building near Stumps Cross, taken from the back road from Littlebury to Ickleton.

Photo: Gordon Ridgwell

New crematorium takes shape above Great Chesterford

A new crematorium, being built on land near Great Chesterford by the Westerleigh Group Ltd., is expected to open at the end of the coming November or in early December.

Planning permission was granted in April 2016, despite objections from the local Parish Council.

The new facility will fill a need in the provision of cremation services; at present, most such funerals need to go to Bar Hill, outside Cambridge and not easy for some people to access. Funeral directors in and around Saffron Walden are said to be much in favour of the new crematorium.

The new facility, which is said to have cost £5,500,000 overall, is set into the hillside above

Great Chesterford.

Richard Evans, Managing Director of Westerleigh, told the *Walden Local*: "It's a quiet and private spot with stunning views, carved into the hillside, and it is to be called Cam Valley Crematorium."

The new crematorium is likely to hold up to over a thousand services each year once it has become established, an average of 4 or 5 cremations each day, with hourly intervals between funerals.

There will be parking for up to 77 visitor's cars, with a separate staff parking area.

Westerleigh run over thirty crematoria throughout the country, including the Parndon Wood in Harlow.

LOST & FOUND PROPERTY

Found in the last 7 days: pink sunglasses, silver sunglasses, beige purse, round-ish purse, rabbit comforter, yale key with pink tab & brass ring, key on Broughton Hall ring, 'Dunlop' umbrella.

Reported lost in the last 7 days: single house key with butterfly fob, black watch, insurance documents, i-phone in Bourbon biscuit case, gent's brown shoulder bag, driving licence, blue umbrella with pink spots, 1 Chubb type & 1 yale type key, 2 keys (black & red fob), credit card

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