

Craig Croft Development – Frequently asked Questions (January 2013)

Q1	What's happening to the underpass?
	<p>The underpass between Craig Croft and Windy Arbour is being closed and will be replaced by a pedestrian and cycle crossing across Chester Road. This will be part of a new traffic signal junction between Chester Road and Hedingham Grove. The speed limit on the Chester Road will be lowered to 40mph instead of 50mph and the junction will allow better access into the new development. It will also allow better access between the village centre, the adjoining neighbourhood and Windy Arbour Primary School.</p>
Q2	How are security concerns being addressed in the new development?
	<p>The development been designed to avoid having hidden areas where crime and anti-social behaviour could take place.</p> <p>The new road layout is also designed so that, as far as possible all parts of the development are can be seen by passing motorists, aiming to reduce incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>
Q3	Will there be amenities for different age groups of the community?
	<p>The new Bishop Wilson Primary School, St. Andrews Church and Chelmsley Wood Baptist Centre will all play a role in providing space for activities aimed at people of different age groups.</p> <p>The new development has been designed to help deliver a range of services to the whole community in one central location (e.g. GP, dentist, pharmacy, shops, enterprise space and office accommodation).</p>
Q4	Why has Longley walk been closed?
	<p>As part of the construction of the new Bishop Wilson school, Longley Walk has been closed in order to contain the entire new site within the contractor's hoardings. This closure was advertised earlier in the year and came into effect in April 2012.</p> <p>A new footpath will be created along the boundary of the school, through where the GP and dentist surgeries currently sit to connect back into Wardour Drive at the turning head. Every effort is being made to open this footpath as soon as possible.</p> <p>The new school and the improvements across the wider Craig Croft Development are designed to work together – we want to ensure that people can reach the new development from all areas and by all means of transport.</p>

Q5	Who is responsible for the maintenance of the hoardings on the school building site?
	Morgan Sindall, the contractors for the new Bishop Wilson school, are responsible for the maintenance of their hoardings, and for the security of their site as a whole. If you have any concerns regarding this aspect of the development please contact Tony Fitzgerald (Project Manager) on 07969 231759.
Q6	Is Carisbrooke Avenue suitable for use as a bus route? Is it wide enough?
	<p>Yes. Design engineers have tested the route in their computer design to show that buses can pass each other. The road is wide enough to allow buses to pass each other along the whole route except for one short section where they will need to operate a give and take system. This will only affect large vehicles passing each other and not normal car traffic.</p> <p>The designs are being finalised, and as part of this process, the use of Carisbrooke Avenue for buses will be double checked. The final plans will probably include road signs and some changes to the on street parking on the road.</p>
Q7	How do I report fly-tipping in the Craig Croft area?
	If you have any concerns regarding fly-tipping please contact Solihull Council's Connect Contact Centre on: 0121 704 8000.
Q8	Will the Post Office be retained at Craig Croft?
	<p>The appointment of a Post Office Operator and/or Sub postmaster is always at the final discretion of Post Office Ltd and, as such, does not fall within the remit of the Council.</p> <p>To date, the Post Office has indicated that they wish to retain a Post Office in in Craig Croft Village Centre.</p>
Q 9	What's happened to Craig Croft Gym?
	The gym is now under SMBC ownership following its closure some months ago. All utilities have been disconnected and the property has been made-safe as far as reasonably possible. It is listed in the demolition contract for the scheme, but there is no confirmed date as yet for the demolition to take place.
Q10	How will traffic be calmed within the village centre?
	The road speeds within the Village Centre will be restricted to 20 mph. The design for the village centre roads includes narrow road widths, speed tables and tight radius bends in the road, alongside 20mph signage.