

BARLBOROUGH NEWS

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PROPOSED SECURE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Dear Resident,

There was a massive response to the meeting organised by the Parish Council on Friday 9th March, over 600 people were there—although not everyone could fit into the village hall!

At the time of writing the secure psychiatric hospital is still only a proposal. It is believed that a planning application will be submitted by Cygnet Healthcare this week (commencing 12th March 2007). The application process will take 16 to 20 weeks. Until the planning application is submitted by Cygnet Healthcare, we can only prepare our response. The Parish Council intend to employ a Planning Consultant to make sure that our objection to the application is legally robust.

How you can help

Following on from the Parish Council initiative, a further public meeting has been organised for residents who could not get into the village hall on Friday night. Don't worry if you can't make this meeting as we will endeavour to keep you informed via the website and e-mail. The Parish Council website now has a dedicated page keeping residents informed about our campaign. This page can be found at www.barlboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk/index_19.htm We intend to keep this page up to date with the latest information as it happens, including when the planning application is submitted, so check this page daily.

Sign the Petition—Sign up your Street!

We are organising a petition to stop these proposals. We are looking for volunteers from every street and road in Barlborough to knock on their neighbours doors to 'Sign up your Street.' Forms can be downloaded from the website, or you can pick some up from the Parish Office. If we all work together we should be able to make sure that our whole village signs up.

Sign the Petition—Sign Online!

You can also sign the petition online, just click on the 'Sign the Petition' link on the webpage, you will then receive a confirmation email that your name has been added to the list.

What Happens Next?

Once Cygnet Healthcare submit their planning application to Bolsover District Council's planning department, planning notices will be issued. These will be posted near the site, sent to neighbours and other consultees, such as the Parish Council. We then have 21 days to submit comments on the application. The planning application will be available in the Parish Office (in the village hall) for people to view.

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