

GREEN VIEW

BOWERHAM & SCOTFORTH EAST



Green Party campaigners
Hamish Mills & Sarah Punshon

BOWERHAM RETAIL PLAN REJECTED



Local Green Campaigner Sarah Punshon said:
"I'm pleased that the plan to build retail units on the Bowerham Bowling Green site has been refused by the City Council. Thank you to all the residents who made their voices heard by objecting to this application."

The reasons for refusal included 'unsympathetic visual intrusion', loss of privacy and light to neighbours, surface water flooding concerns, and loss of public open space.

Sarah Punshon with her son on Bowerham Road, near the Bowling Green - which will remain as open space for now.

KEEPING BOWERHAM CLEAN



Local Green Campaigner Hamish Mills
cleaning up Bowerham alleyways

Hamish Mills organised two alleyway litter picks in Bowerham recently, and reported fly-tipping in many of the alleyways. Hamish said:

"Thank you so much to everyone who came to help clear the alleyways - a great team effort! It is shocking how much rubbish and fly-tipping is left in the alleyways. I'll be organising another litter pick soon - keep an eye out for posters."

GREEN XMAS FAIR



Lancaster Friends Meeting House
Saturday 19 November, 10 am - 4 pm

Lots of stalls - art, crafts, books, plants and more - plus cafe, live music and Santa!

TREES NEAR WELLINGTON RD

Green Cllr Abi Mills has asked the City Council to reduce the height of trees behind houses on Wellington Road, and remove the dead trees from York Road field.

NEW CYCLE ROUTE NEEDED

Green Councillors are aware and supportive of residents who would like to see a new pedestrian and cycle route linking the new housing at Lancaster Leisure Park to Coulston Road.

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

Having heard from concerned residents that road markings were not reinstated after road maintenance work around Warwick & Gloucester Avenues, Abi asked the County Council to do this urgently, as cars were failing to stop at the junctions.

Hamish Mills said:
“A new route could bring a lot of benefits for residents of Bowerham, the businesses in the Leisure Park and near neighbours. But first there needs to be some feasibility work on different route options, taking account of the hilliness of that area. Funding also needs to be identified. Sadly there has not been any progress on this yet, but we will keep pushing for it”.

NEW PLAY PARK COMING TO GREAVES PARK

The Friends of Greaves Park group has raised £60k to give the children’s play area a complete make-over. The plan is to improve the drainage of the site, install inclusive new play equipment and more accessible surfacing. Work begins this month, and the play park will be closed until early in the new year.

The project coordinator, Green Cllr Abi Mills, said:
“This will be an amazing new attraction for local children! We are especially proud that all the play equipment chosen is inclusive, so all children can play alongside each other, regardless of their ability.

“I would like to say a huge thank you to all the funders and donors - and to Lancaster City Council for working with us to make this project actually happen.

Please bear with us when the play park is shut. It will be worth the wait!”



The design of the new Greaves Park play area which will open in early 2023 with accessible play equipment

ADVICE FOR RENTERS



Local Green Party campaigner Hamish Mills said:
“Many students and other renters will be protected from the recent energy price rises if housing contracts were signed many months ago with energy bills included in the rent.

“However, it is essential to check the small print of your contract in case you are liable for energy costs that exceed a particular amount.

“If you have any concerns, try to arrange a meeting with your landlord to discuss who is liable for extra costs, and to understand likely energy consumption based on previous years.

“Ask your landlord to upgrade the property if it has an old, inefficient heating system, poor insulation, or no thermostats that you can control on radiators or the boiler. You may also be able to reduce your electricity and gas usage in other ways.”

A good source of advice is: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk>.

NO MAST ON YORK ROAD FIELD

In September, a company wrote to residents near York Road field, asking for opinions on their proposal to erect a 20 m telecomms mast there.

A limited number of houses received the letter, so Green Cllrs used social media to let more people know.

Bowerham residents set up a petition and many objected to the plans.

Cllr Abi Mills contacted the landowner - the City Council, who were not aware of the plans.

They wrote to the company advising them to look for a more suitable location as the Council would not permit a mast at this site.

Abi said:
“The mast would have been too big and too close to houses. I am grateful that the Council responded promptly to nip it in the bud”.

HELP WITH COST OF LIVING

Help is available for those on very low incomes who are struggling with the cost of living.

Contact Citizens Advice on 0808 278 7882. They may be able to help you to access food banks/food share clubs or the Lancaster District Hardship Fund.

Green Cllr Joanna Young, a manager at Citizens Advice, speaking out against poverty at the 'Enough Is Enough' rally in Lancaster on 1 October



Green campaigner Sarah Punshon said:
“Life is getting harder for most of us. We must work together to resist the Government policies that are worsening poverty.”

WELCOME TO STUDENTS!

Students are welcome to join the Green Party for only £6 per year.

Young Greens convenor Jamie Payne said: *"We have a local Young Greens group (for anyone under 30 and students of any age) who meet at 7pm on Wednesdays at Bowland Bar on Lancaster University campus. We run events, socials, action days, and much more!"*

"If you don't want to come to campus, some of our events will take place in town - please get in touch or follow us on social media to stay updated."

Find us on Instagram (or Facebook) @LancUniGreenParty, or email us via: lancaster@younggreens.org.uk.

HOW TO REPORT FAULTS

Did you know you can report faults such as blocked drains, broken streetlights, potholes or poorly-maintained public footpaths?

Use the 'LoveCleanStreets' app, or the County Council's website at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/

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BADLY-PLACED BOLLARDS

Bollards installed on Bowerham Road (beyond the Fox and Goose) are blocking access of the pavement. Cllr Abi Mills contacted County Council Highways who have promised to remove them soon.

Cllr Abi Mills said:

"Please let us know if you notice anything else like this. I am very passionate about ensuring places are accessible for everyone."



Cllr Mills says: "Bollards should not block access for wheelchair users or pushchairs!"

ACTION ON UNTIDY LAND

The City Council issued an Untidy Land Notice in July, requiring the owner of the Former Parkfield Garage on Bowerham Road to put up hoardings around the site. Abi said: *"I am keeping an eye on this eyesore!"*