EDENFIELD COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (ECNF)

SUMMER 2025 UPDATE



YEAR TO DATE UPDATE JULY 2025

With once again more revised planning applications and consultations regarding the development of the H66 site in Edenfield, we thought it would be helpful to summarise the current position, what might be expected further in 2025 and actions residents may wish to take ensure their views are known.

Development of site H66 Edenfield

Central Edenfield: Taylor Wimpey Planning Application 2022/0451

Following the responses to the latest consultation on their proposals which ended in February 2025, Taylor Wimpey have now submitted over forty new and revised documents which can be viewed on the Council's website: https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning.

These include a revised Design and Access Statement, a revised planning layout, revised landscape drawings and revised drainage proposals. Our initial review of the documents indicates that the proposals are similar to those previously and as such our concerns remain as previously: -

- High density cramped layout
- Loss of green space
- Road and pedestrian safety due to the significant increase in traffic
- Loss of parking along Market Street due to double yellow lines and parking restrictions (at least 50 spaces expected to be lost on Market Street, Exchange Street, Blackburn Road and Burnley Road)
- Flood concerns both locally and the A56 bypass
- Phasing of development
- Lack of amenities e.g. shops, GP practices



We understand from Rossendale Borough Council (RBC) that they are still awaiting further information. Once that information has been received and published there will be a further public consultation. As the consultation period is likely to be only three weeks, we recommend that residents review the information that has recently been made available to make it easier to submit any objections when the consultation period opens.

As previously the Forum will be submitting our own detailed objections. We encourage all residents to submit any comments they may have and also to copy any comments to RBC council leader, Alyson Barnes (alysonbarnes@rossendalebc.gov.uk) and members of the development control committee who oversee the planning applications. The committee includes; Councillors Marilyn Proctor, James Eaton, Danielle Ashworth, Matt Norton, Ann Kenyon, Ann Hodgkiss and Julie Adshead. Their email address follow the same format:

<u>forenamesurname@rossendalebc.gov.uk</u>. It may also be helpful to copy in local MP Andy McNae to any correspondence (andy.macnae.mp@parliament.uk).

Alderwood Planning Application 2022/0577

A revised planning application has been received and consulted upon, consultation ending on the 8th May 2025.

The number of houses has been reduced from 9 to 3 and access remains on Market Street.

North End of Edenfield: Peel/Northstone Planning Application 2023/0396:

The planning application now has been to committee with a resolution to grant planning permission subject to various conditions including a Section 106 agreement which is likely to be signed in the next few weeks.

A Section 106 agreement, is a legally binding agreement between the local planning authority and developer. It's used to mitigate the impact of a development on the local community and infrastructure, outlining the conditions a developer must meet to make the development acceptable to the planning authority. Once agreement is in place, we expect to receive further information as to when construction might start.



South End of Edenfield Chatterton Hey Site:

We expect to know soon who will develop the Chatterton Hey field which is the southern part of H66, and a planning application is anticipated shortly afterwards.

Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan

Following the recent referendum on the 20^{th of} February the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan, produced by Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum (ECNF) was successful and will now form part of the development plan up to 2036. Of the 648 residents who voted, 95.7% confirmed they were in favour. Thank you to all in our community who voted.

Details of the Plan and the process up to referendum are on the Council's website at: https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/local-plan/neighbourhood-plan/3.

The purpose of the plan is to give the community a greater role in shaping any future developments. Now the plan has been adopted it must be taken into account by the Council when considering planning applications relating to Edenfield in the future.

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum Actions to Date 2025

- Ensuring that the neighbourhood plan referendum progressed and the plan was adopted, now monitoring that it is being taken note of
- Raising objections to each of the H66 planning consultations to date, including attending the planning review meetings and raising the concerns that many residents have
- Liaising with the planning officers at Rossendale Borough Council (RBC) for updates and sharing the concerns of residents
- Currently trying to organise a meeting with Lancashire County Council Highways and RBC, to discuss concerns about traffic.
- Liaising with RBC on the H66 Visioning Board promised as part of the Masterplan approval to ensure resident representatives have a place on the board.

Membership

Thank you to all ECNF members for your ongoing support. If you'd like to find out more information or are interested in becoming a member, please visit our website www.edenfieldcommunityforum.uk.



EDENFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EVRA) SUMMER 2025 UPDATE

Get Involved – Be Part of Edenfield's Future!

Did you know the Edenfield Residents Association – or EVRA, as we're fondly known – has been proudly serving our village for almost 50 years. We're a passionate group of locals working together to support great causes, plan community events, and tackle any issues that matter to Edenfield residents.

But we can't do it alone – and that's where you come in!

We're always excited to welcome new faces and fresh ideas. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, your voice matters. Why not come along to one of our friendly meetings? We gather at **7:30 PM on the third Thursday of every month** at **Edenfield Cricket Club** – and yes, the bar is open!

It's a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where you can share your thoughts, connect with neighbours, and help shape the future of our wonderful village. Got ideas for events? Want to see some changes in Edenfield? We want to hear from **you**!

Come along, get involved, and let's make great things happen together!

For further information contact Paul Bradburn at paulbradburn@gmail.com or on 07710 890722.

We can't wait to meet you at our next meeting!

Edenfield Fete Saturday 30st August 2025

I'm sure that many of you will remember the incredible day at the fete last year with sunshine and lots of people revelling in the festivities. Well, Edenfield Fete 2025 planning is well under way, and we are hoping that it will be even bigger and better than last year and you will all come along and enjoy!

Whilst it's a fabulous event, the fete is completely run by volunteers of EVRA and we really need your help in making it another great success. If you are able to volunteer your time either in setting up, during the day or clearing up your support would be greatly appreciated. It doesn't have to be a full day a couple of hours or even help just putting up the gazebos would really help. It's great fun and very rewarding to see everybody enjoying themselves, so if you can help please get in touch, email: volunteers@edenfieldvillagefete.org.







There are also some great opportunities to support the event in other ways too including sponsoring a band or a barrel of beer or donating a raffle price. Any donations will be gratefully received and we are happy to display any company banners and also will be giving a shout out to our sponsors on the day. If you are able to provide sponsorship or a raffle prize it would be gratefully received, also if you have any suggestions for the fete please email: info@edenfieldvillagefete.org.

Other dates for your diary 2025: -

Remembrance Service: to be held on the Saturday of Remembrance weekend, 8th November, starting at 10.45am in the Memorial Garden, Market Street.

Carols at church: as usual we will be gathering to sing Carols accompanied by a brass band, mulled wine and mince pies on Friday 19th December starting at 7.30pm.

Green Space Matters in the Village

A team led by one of our members, Liz Stooke, has voluntarily taken on the upkeep of some green spaces in the village, notably the Fingerpost Gardens, Sparrow Park (at the top of Bolton Road North), the planter tubs on Bury Road and around the Community Centre. Liz could do with more help and is looking for volunteers, if you are interested ring her on 07976 156685.



Sign Cleaning

One of our local councillors, Simon Holland, has organised a small group to clean road signs and road names around the village and the group are looking for more volunteers. They do this on the first Saturday of the month and meet outside the Drop Off Café at 10am. If you'd like to get involved please contact Simon on 07966 294449.

Scout Moor II Wind and New Rossendale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

As many of you will know Cubico are proposing an extension to the Scout Moor Wind Farm with the addition of 21 larger turbines.

Although the new turbines will be to the east of the existing ones the access will be from the quarry entrance off Rochdale Road, Turn

At the same time Cubico are submitting planning application for battery storage and associated infrastructure at the junction with Bamford Road and south east of Edenfield. We have been keeping a close eye on both the consultation process attending the consultation meetings and speaking up where the impact may affect our village e.g. transport of windmills to site etc.



All details are on the website if you'd like further information: https://scoutmoor2.co.uk and https://rossendalebatterystorage.co.uk.

Edenfield Fell Race

Edenfield Fell Race took place on Sunday 2nd June 2025. A great event enjoyed by many from across our county and we were delighted to welcome runners from Rossendale's twin town of Bocholt in Germany. If you've ever thought of doing the fell race and not sure whether to give it a go next year, there is a great video on you tube of this years fell race this year, copy link below to view:-Edenfield fell race 2025 - Rossendale meets German Bocholt

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