



# *The Counties Residents' Association*

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## **TELFORD GO AHEAD WITH PREPARATIONS FOR DEVELOPING THE CHEPSTOW SITE BEFORE COUNCILLORS HAVE MADE A DECISION.**

On Friday 10 July, Telford Homes constructed a 12 ft wide hard core access road: today they set up buildings – getting ready to develop the Chepstow site before our Councillors have had an opportunity to read the Planning Officer's report, let alone make a decision at the Regulatory Committee which is to be held on 20 July.

The Council's own Conservation experts and their specialist Design Team have both identified serious shortfalls in Telford's second application and have recommended rejection. They have explained how this planning application fails to meet the flaws in the first application and therefore Telford's scheme still fails the fundamental ground for the Inspector's rejection – it harms the character of the area, as it does not fit in.

Since then, the Councillors have voted for our area to be given conservation status as the Wanstead Grove Conservation Area, which means any scheme must meet a higher standard of design and enhance the character of the area. English Heritage has also expressed a view, in which they rejected the design concept. They have already put this conservation area on the English Heritage At Risk List.

Helen Zammett, Chair of the Counties Residents' Association said: "*Our residents are aghast. I want to know why Telford Homes appear to be pre-judging the decision of elected members.*"