

Baddow Development Continues

New housing development in Great Baddow is continuing rapidly as homes are built on nearly every available plot. The latest news is that a development is proposed for the council depot site in Chelwater, off Baddow Road, together with a former garages area next door, behind the Meadgate shops. Persimmon Homes is buying the site and proposing a "quality housing development" of no less than 51 houses and flats, some of them in blocks of up to four storeys high - although the Borough Council recommendation for the site was 30-35 homes and a maximum of three storeys. A quarter of the homes, in the area nearest to the Meadgate flats, will be "affordable housing". The development should also help to reduce crime in the area. The plans may be amended before planning permission is granted, but it is almost certain that this site will soon be yet another housing estate. Most people will agree that that is better than it being a waste disposal depot. But it is sad that among all the new homes in Baddow there is no provision for new community facilities.

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