

## EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

### COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

The February meeting of the Business Club was held on St Valentine's Day, at Collingham Football Club by kind permission of the Management Committee.

The proposal to develop an animal rendering plant near Norton Disney continued to dominate the meeting, principally because of the potentially very damaging environmental impact this would have on local settlements. Collingham would be particularly vulnerable due to proximity and regularly prevailing weather conditions.

The area MP, Mr Robert Jenrick, has written of his objection to the proposals, in a letter that has been delivered to most homes in the village. The Business Club will be responding to that letter to reinforce some of the points it contains. Meanwhile, the local community is encouraged to contribute to a petition organised by the Witham Valley Park Preservation Group, details of which can be found online at <https://goo.gl/rC3Ajm>.

Progress with the development of a "Neighbourhood Plan" for Collingham was also discussed, one aspect of which would potentially be to increase the availability of some funding sources to support village projects. Key features of the Plan would include the need for it to be prepared in consultation with, and be endorsed by, the local community; communication skills will be vital to achieving that.

Collingham Business Club meetings take place between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding August & December). The next meeting will therefore take place on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at the usual Collingham Football Club venue.

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