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Just when we hoped we were through the ravages of the China virus (I recommend you read the book *Viral* by Matt Ridley if you question my calling it that) it has bitten us in the bum. Jane Kenny and her colleagues were still keen to appear next Tuesday but on balance we felt the Omicron surge is so strong and pervasive that the plug had to be pulled. Our Chairman's wife Charlotte has got it, some others also have it or need to make sure they avoid it, some are shooting or skiing – with Jane bringing two ADAS professionals with her it looked possible that we might only have a skeleton audience for them. Maybe we've been wusses but we are considering *Tuesday*, 12th April as a possible date to try again. If the UK's experience follows the South African one the hope is that Omicron is peaking and will be in retreat by *Tuesday 8th February* when we have *Christine Tacon* back. At present we have every intention of going ahead with this and with *Rob Mutimer* on *Tuesday*, 8th March.





A quick update on the intensive (production) yet extensive (timewise) planning applications that I have been tracking. At Aldborough the pig farmer has opened up a new line of attack by seeking to regularize a new access at the far edge of this edge of village site. Meanwhile the poultry proposals at Heydon are also still to be determined – muck handling and disposal appear to be the critical issues for both. This may be the gloomiest time of year but things are going to improve I'm sure.

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