

June Update from the Housing & Infrastructure Group for Dunsford Parish Council

Summary written by Cllr Paul French

Hastoe and Dunsford Parish Council are continuing discussions regarding the preferred sites and are looking to secure an option on a suitable site soon. The project team is due to select an architect to help draw up some initial concepts in June, and hope to soon be able to share some ideas as to what can be achieved. We need to select the right architect who understands the importance of having a development that is complimentary to the local vernacular and has sustainability at the forefront of their design.

As we near this next stage it will be important to firm up the mix of homes we are looking to deliver. We are currently using information gathered in the housing needs survey carried out a couple of years ago. It is important we continue to reflect the ongoing need, so to ensure our data is current, we will shortly conduct another Parish wide survey. This will have two key aims: - firstly to establish our community's attitude to the proposed development and secondly to update the housing needs. We will also need to decide whether all of the homes will be for rent or whether some may be for shared ownership. Shared ownership involves you buying a percentage of the house, whilst the rest is owned by Hastoe. You would need a mortgage on the part you buy and would pay a small rent on the part owned by Hastoe. It can often be a great way for people to get on to the housing ladder and stay in their local area. If you would like to know more about it, please let us know.

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