Housing Work Group report to March PC

There have been two Housing related meetings since the last PC.

The first involved Christow Community Land Trust (CCLT) and staff from Middlemarch Community Led Housing CIC, with the objective of exploring if there would be any advantage to our project, if we formed our own CLT, or joined with CCLT (subject to conditions).

It was a useful meeting, but we agreed there was no tactical benefit to the current project from forming our own CLT or joining with CCLT. Some strategic benefits were tabled but subsequently Hastoe advised these would not help us. However, it is worth exploring further with CCLT, whether a Teign Valley CLT would create wider input and support a broader interest project portfolio.

The HWG were advised by TDC that the PiP application submitted by the Developers for site 1 has not been determined. TDC are in discussion with the Developer to get an extension on the timeline to reply.

Hastoe and TDC had a positive meeting with the Agent for the preferred site. Some specific requirements were requested by both parties, none are seen as fatal negatives.

We also discussed the outcomes of the meeting reported above and the need at our next meeting to schedule further public consultation and decide how that would be carried out.