

## **Housing & Infrastructure - Report from Hastoe October 2021**

The Dunsford affordable housing project team includes representation from Dunsford Parish Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Teignbridge District Council and Hastoe Housing Association. As a working group we are looking to deliver affordable housing that meets an identified local need. The journey to securing a site, designing a scheme, consulting with the community, securing planning, building the homes and finally housing local people in their new homes, can often be long and arduous. But we are committed to doing what we can to build the right types of homes in the right place and help the people of Dunsford continue to grow the community and give affordable housing options that help people to stay in the area.

We have data that suggests there is a need for affordable housing in Dunsford, and we want to bring that forward. Depending on when we are in a position to move forward with a proposed scheme, we may need to update that information to ensure it is still accurate and that we are building the right types of home.

There is still lots to do, and we are looking to secure a site for the development, but we have already achieved a lot in the early stages. We have reviewed a number of sites that may be suitable for development and have engaged with landowners about them. We have looked at different site purchase options to ensure that any potential scheme works for us, the vendor and the community. We have had detailed discussions about how we ensure that the homes are prioritised for people who have a strong local connection. We have looked at ways we can enhance the build standard and energy efficiency of any new homes we build above the building regulations standard.

We will continue to keep you updated on progress and hope to gain momentum over the coming months and be able to develop and share plans in the not too distant future.

As you know, we are due to meet on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I will send a proposed agenda in advance of this. It looks like everyone can attend on that date, so that meeting is now fixed.

Dan – would really appreciate your feedback on the document with housing options that I sent through some time ago at your earliest opportunity, so I can resume engagement with the primary landowner and hopefully get some feedback to share by the time of the meeting.

Best regards

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