

Affordable Housing Project

- Independent surveys have demonstrated the need for 8-10 Affordable Houses for rent in Dunsford
- The Housing Work Group (HWG); consists of 2 x Parish Councillors (PC), 1 x DNPA rep, 1 x TDC rep and 1 x Hastoe Housing Assoc rep. This team originally selected a preferred site, near Lee Side but failed to agree terms with the owner.
- An alternative site was brought forward on Reedy Hill, adjacent to Thomas Cross.
- A Public Meeting and community wide survey showed there was significant opposition to this location (50% of those that replied).
- Following the Public Meeting many villagers, who did not attend, told Councillors, they did not support the Reedy Hill location - this was reinforced later by the 50+ objections made to the PiP
- We were then advised that the owner of the original preferred site was willing to co-operate with us
- The Council discussed the public concern to the Reedy Hill site and agreed we should not support development there and would revert to the original site near Lee Side
- However, the Developer with an option on the Reedy Hill site pressed ahead and applied to TDC for Permission in Principle (PiP) to construct 9 Affordable Homes on the site; this was approved.
- This approval is not Planning Permission and significant further detail of what is intended etc has to be submitted and approved before any development can proceed.
- Subsequently the HWG has put the preferred site on hold until there is a Planning decision on the Reedy Hill site
- All the above has been shared via the Parish Mag, the Parish website and on noticeboards.
- If you have any concerns or comments on how this project is being handled by the PC, please email/write to the clerk, or talk to a member of the PC.