

## Housing Work Group report to DPC, Jan 2024

The HWG met after our Dec PC meeting to progress actions with Hastoe relating to the preferred development site. We will be meeting again in early Jan but not before the PC.

On Dec 7th Summerfield Planning Ltd advised DPC that they had submitted a Permission in Principle (PiP) to construct 9 Affordable Homes (AH) on what we have called site1, land to the north of Reedy hill.

This location was the subject of a parish wide referendum in November 2022, asking residents whether or not they supported AH construction on this site. The outcomes showed a 50:50 split; For and Against. A public meeting held in March 2023 confirmed significant opposition to development at this location, particularly but not solely from residents adjacent to the site. Subsequently the PC passed a motion opposing any development on this site.

A week prior to the PiP submission, the Council was sent a paper by the Developer comparing site 1 with site 4 (probably an error and should have been site 6), which was circulated to all members. The PiP appears to be seeking TDC conformation that site 1 meets the criteria set down for it to be considered a Rual Exception Site (RES) and as such is not an application for any form of Planning Approval

Your HWG members will propose a draft response to the PiP for consideration and vote by the PC on Jan2nd.

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