

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2021

Item 16 - Correspondence & Clerks Report

Supplemental report relating to English Rural Housing Association's plans for a possible Affordable Housing Development on land behind The Haywain.

On October 6th 2021 I received an e-mail from Ian Gillespie (Technical Development Manager, English Rural Housing Association) ("ERHA") that read as follows:-

"We feel that we have now sufficiently progressed in our pre-application discussions with the NFNPA to move forward to a wider consultation on behalf of New Forest Village Housing Association (NOTE: A subsidiary of ERHA).

I therefore would like you to put to Copythorne Parish Council the following time frame.

October 2021 - Architects complete update of proposals for development of the land south of the Haywain public house based on NPA response

Copythorne PC offered opportunity to view proposals prior to public consultation and English Rural would consult the PC on how the online consultation process can be promoted locally.

November 2021 - Launch of the online public consultation platform for the proposed affordable housing scheme. This will be a web site where over a 3-4 week period the public can view the proposals and post their comments and potential applicants will still be able register their interest.

January 2022 - A review of responses received via the web site can be reported to the Parish Council if they so wish.

February 2022 - If considered necessary, an in-person event could be provided for local people giving a further opportunity to view proposals."

In my role as the Parish Council's "Proper Officer" I have discussed this provisional timeframe with Ian Gillespie and the following has been agreed:-

1. It is now planned that the online consultation will run from November 1st to December 13th With the content remaining accessible into the New Year.
2. The Parish Council will publicise the online consultation as widely as possible via notices on it's noticeboards; newsletters; website and Facebook page to ensure as many residents as possible are aware of it.
3. A weekly report on responses to the online consultation will be provided to the Parish Council.
4. ERHA have noted that the Parish Council feel it is necessary for ERHA to hold an in person "drop in" event should they proceed to the submission of a planning application. For now though ERHA want to encourage parishioners to respond to the online consultation rather than wait for a drop in event.

The contents of this supplemental report will be added to the Parish Council website and an abridged version included in the next Parish Council newsletter.

David Rigby, Parish Clerk