

## **Local Updates**

### **22/01726/FUL | Erection of 32 no. residential dwellings on land at Little Farm, Loxwood**

I am receiving a high number of objections to this application and will be following this carefully to ensure I represent the views of residents. At last count over 100 objections had gone in and I will be submitting my own comments on this. As Loxwood Parish Council have objected to this it will go before the planning committee at a future date but this is likely to be a long way in the future due to a number of issues that need resolving including the issue surrounding Water Neutrality.

**Sustainability Appraisal (Loxwood Parish Council question)** I wrote to Tony Witty on 24th September and despite chasing have received no reply.

### **21/02849/FUL Land Southwest Of Willets Way Willetts Way Loxwood West**

**Sussex** – The planning committee asked for this to be deferred to a future planning committee meeting to enable to site visit to take place. It is more likely that this will go back to planning committee in December or January and the site visit will take place on the Monday before.

**22/02346/OUT Foxbridge Golf Club Development** – The application went in on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and residents can now comment. I have been meeting residents who have expressed concern over this application. I share many of these concerns and will be following this application very closely. The best way to ensure your voice can be heard on this application is to comment via the Chichester District Council Planning Portal.

There were a high number of support cards which went in and the format of this was quite irregular, and I raised this with the Monitoring officer. In addition to this two residents contacted me to say support cards had gone in which they had not completed. The Monitoring officer took the decision to remove all support and objections submitted in this format as it did not meet the required format for public comments.

## **Stonewall Development**

A member of the Loxwood Community contacted me some time back with significant issues with Hyde housing which was causing health and wellbeing issues for the family. Hyde failed to resolve these and I helped the resident with the support of CDC to secure tenancy in one of the new Stonewater developments. This has now been achieved and the resident is as I am sure you will imagine absolutely delighted.

## **CDC Updates**

### **Local Plan**

On 20 October CDC officers held a Briefing Session to update members on progress in finalising the Local Plan Review.

They explained that the Planning Policy Team have made significant progress in concluding the outstanding issues, including transport and A27 mitigation where they have reached agreement with the highway authorities on a level of development for the plan; together with an emerging strategy for dealing with water neutrality in the north of the plan area, waste water disposal and flood risk.

Subject to the outstanding technical work required to support the emerging plan strategy not giving CDC officers any cause for further delay, they are aiming to report the draft Plan to DPIP, Cabinet and Council in mid-January. If Council approve the plan for consultation, then the intention will be to hold the consultation immediately and following that, to submit the plan for formal examination.

### **Staffing – Key Contacts**

CDC have recently appointed an experienced Planning Manager to the Applications Team (on a six-month contract) and an experienced Principal Planning Officer to the Enforcement Team permanently. Key contacts for the teams within the Development Management Division are as follows:

- **Applications Team:** Deb Smith (Development Manager) and Martin Mew (Principal Planning Officer).
- **Planning Enforcement Team:** Shona Archer (Development Manager) and Andy George (Principal Planning Officer).
- **Majors Team:** Jo Bell (Development Manager) and Jeremy Bushell (Principal Planning Officer).
- **National Park Team:** John Saunders (Development Manager) and Derek Price (Principal Planning Officer).
- **Administration and Business Support Team:** Sam Carter (Manager) supported by Liz Pulley (Team Leader) and Becca Mezzone (Team Leader).

A number of posts remain vacant, and so it remains a challenging time for the Planning Service, but I am told that these two new appointments will have a positive impact on the teams.

### **District Councillor Surgeries**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – The Foresters, Kirdford 12pm-2pm

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – The Coffee Cup, Ifold 12pm-2pm

I am also available for home visits or one to one meetings at alternative dates/venues upon request.

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