

## NOTES ON THE INFORMAL MEETING WITH DAVID WILSON HOMES – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

The purpose of the meeting, which was requested by David Wilson Homes (DWH), was to clarify Douling Parish Council (DPC) concerns about the proposed housing development on Chelynch Road, Douling, the outline planning application for which had been refused and to advise on DWH future actions.

Present were: Ros Wilkins and Alan Butcher (DPC), Conor Flanagan (Origin 3 Planning Consultants) and Andrew Ball (DWH). The meeting took place at The Prestleigh Inn.

DPC outlined the Parish Council concerns:

- Too many units in the proposed development especially when compared with the size of the existing village and the previously planned number of houses for the village.
- The effect of the development on the school and village amenities.
- The effect of the additional traffic which would be created by the development and which would exacerbate the existing problems with traffic, speeding and parking.

DPC advised that the Council had been unable to consider the application positively as the concerns about highway issues, which were a major factor within the village and Parish Council, had not been addressed. DWH advised that they had brought the concerns to the Highways Dept and made proposals which had not been accepted.

DPC advised that there was continuing concern about the increasing number of pupils at the school which was already at bursting point and the effect of the development adding to this problem. It was suggested that the school would need enlarging to cope with the increase in numbers.

DWH explained that there was likely to be a small reduction in units in the proposed development but only to 30 – 35 units rather than the 40 originally proposed. They advised that they would be submitting another application at some time in the future but not immediately as they wanted to address the concerns expressed if at all possible.

DWH were sympathetic to the concerns expressed about the highway issues and would seek to resolve these with highways. DPC advised that they were meeting highways at the end of November to discuss the issues. DWH asked if they could have feedback from this meeting. DWH offered to prepare sketch proposals for traffic management but this was declined by DPC on the grounds of pre-determination.

DWH understood the concerns about the school and suggested that it might be possible to look at the options for developing the school and community facilities.

The meeting lasted about an hour.

Alan Butcher – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014.