

Betts, Judith

From: Cllr. S. Wiseman
Sent: 08 March 2012 11:50
To: Betts, Judith
Subject: FW: Planning

Hi Judith
Not sure if this should be circulated for the meeting?

Regards.
Cllr Siân Wiseman
Strensall Ward
City of York Council

From: Ian Bailey [mailto:ianbailey78@hotmail.com]
Sent: 08 March 2012 01:29
To: Cllr. S. Wiseman; Cllr. G. Barton
Cc: Elvington Parish Council; Julia Hennikerheaton; linda sterriker; Jones, Michael; Slater, Michael
Subject: RE: Planning

Hi Sian,

The only reason that nobody from The Parish Council, or residents attended the site visit is that under the previous administration we were not allowed to speak to Members at Planning Visits as this would 'prejudice their independence'. So it was pretty pointless going to a site that we all know well, only to be gagged!!

I welcome the fact that the rules have apparently changed, but we were not aware of this.

The Parish Council are totally supportive of the principle of more affordable housing in Elvington (and elsewhere in York). However the evidence for the need for as many as 18 new 'affordable' houses is highly questionable for the following reasons:

- none of the 'affordable houses' in The Conifers has **ever** been bought by a local resident
- all of the rented houses in the JR scheme in Blacksmiths Close, endowed by a local resident in favour of local residents, are occupied by people with **no village connection**
- for the last two years, the Parish Council have advertised the opportunity for preferential treatment for 'affordable housing'. To date, **only one** resident has expressed interest
- It is a matter of record that one of Kerry Courts's previous incumbents assured the Parish Council that it was '**inconceivable**' that a case could be made for more than ten 'affordable houses' in the village, and that the only preferred site was adjacent to Church Lane.

Your Officer states that no additional primary school places would be needed as all the new 'homes' would only be occupied by current residents of the village. This is faulty logic. 18 new homes in the village means 18 new families, wherever they live ... and nobody has checked out whether the School can accommodate the children.

Lastly, the applicant offered to construct the project in two stages .. which your Officer ignores, but this is surely the sensible way forward.

So I request that the Planning Committee defer any decision for further consideration by your Officers of these comments as in view of Green Belt legislation, it would be unsafe to do otherwise.

Regards,

Ian Bailey

(Chairman: Elvington Parish Council)

Subject: RE: Planning
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Thank you for your comments George.
I will bring them to the attention of the Committee tomorrow.
By the way as no one other than the applicant came to the site visit including the Parish Council. This would have been an opportunity to give comments and listen to the questions from members prior to the meeting. The Committee take in to consideration local residents comments very seriously at these site visits. In fact barring two members we had a full complement of the Committee at the site visits today which I think is a record!

Siân
Regards.
Cllr Siân Wiseman
Strensall Ward
City of York Council

From: Cllr. G. Barton
Sent: 07 March 2012 12:06
To: Cllr. S. Wiseman
Cc: 'Ian Bailey'
Subject: Planning

Hi Siân

As Chair of East Area Planning you will be considering the building of 18 "affordable" homes in Elvington when you meet tomorrow.

Can I put you in the picture:

They want to build in the Green Belt

There is not a need for affordable housing in the village itself – the last two builds, I understand, attracted just one applicant

The houses will be occupied by people from inner York who will arrive with families and the local infrastructure cannot cope with the influx. The School cannot cope, there is only one tiny village shop and the village is served by a very inadequate bus service to York.

The local residents object to it

The Parish Council object to it

The Ward Councillor (me) objects to it

Julian is anti building in the Green Belt.

Hope this gives you a clearer picture

See you soon

George

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