

Watchfield Parish Council

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10.07.12

Dear Sir,

Following an extraordinary meeting of WPC this evening, I have been asked to write to you by my council concerning application reference P12/V1329/FUL. The council has agreed to approve the application but request that the following matters will be taken into consideration by VWHDC:

- As this development exceeds the 70 dwelling quota in the (now defunct) IHSP, WPC would strongly object to any further housing development in Watchfield.
- WPC would like this housing development to be as "green" as possible as Watchfield is a green village with solar panels, wind turbines and a "green" burial ground.
- WPC seeks further clarification on how excavated materials from the site will be dealt with.
- WPC request a mini roundabout to be constructed on Majors road at the junction with the site entrance instead of the proposed "T" junction.
- Regarding recreation in the village, WPC would like to advise VWHDC that there are restrictions on the usage of the recreation ground. As

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funding was obtained from the FA for this facility, 2 pitches must remain on the site. There is no space to provide additional recreational facilities on the recreation ground due to the size of the site and the need for the pitches.

- Contrary to some of the statements in the planning application, there have been flooding events in Watchfield. WPC request more detailed information regarding the proposed drainage system, and how the development could affect flooding problems in the village. The recreation ground, ditches and a house have previously flooded and VWHDC have previously awarded a grant for flood mitigation. We seek further information on how flood risks will be mitigated in/by the proposed development (there is a lack of detail in the application which should be addressed).
- Watchfield Primary School – WPC is concerned about the impact of the development on the school and seeks to avoid loss of any green space in the school grounds (due to construction of the extra classrooms required as a result of the proposed development).
- WPC have not received any formal requests to allow access points from the proposed development onto the recreation ground. As the landowner, WPC requests that a formal request for access is made.
- We also seek clarification whether there is a proposed access point at the western edge of the recreation ground, close to the proposed attenuation basin. Any such access point, close to the open attenuation basin could present a safety hazard to children.

It is the intention of WPC to send a more detailed letter regarding these concerns shortly after the consultation deadline of 12 noon on 12th July 2012.

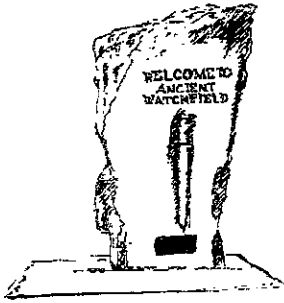
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We look forward to receiving your response regarding the points we have raised in this letter.

Yours Faithfully

Dr C Matthews

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