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For the attention of Cllr J. Humphries
Chairman

Dear Cllr Humphries

Public Exhibition Saturday 21 April 2018
Land at Winterslow Road, Idmiston

Further to the exhibition held in respect of the proposals for the above site, I have enclosed copies of the Attendance Sheets and the Comments received from local residents.

You will note that 32 people attended the Exhibition. It may also have been reported to you that many of these people were present at the Question and Answer Session that I chaired. At this presentation, many people objected to the proposal in the Neighbourhood Plan but, of course, this has now been approved by the local residents and endorsed by the Inspector.

You will also note that I received 16 comments by way of forms, letters and emails. As far as I can tell, all of the respondents lived in Winterslow Road although three of the respondents didn't give their names and addresses.

Only two respondents supported the scheme. Besides objections to the principle of development most concerns related to traffic issues in Winterslow Road. Most of these respondents believed that the proposed development would make matters worse. However, I would dispute this as the development could fund works that would certainly make the road safer and slow traffic although there is little that can be done to alleviate traffic levels at peak periods.

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My clients are very keen to submit a planning application in support of the proposals displayed at the Exhibition ie 10 self build and 10 affordable units although they are willing to vary this if the Parish Council favoured a different arrangement.

You will be aware that a Pre-Application Inquiry was submitted to the District Council. The response which covered all of the elements required to support a planning application was very positive. There were no constraints identified that would prevent the planning application from being permitted. The Strategic Policy Team confirmed that the application would not conflict with the Local Plan. However, it was also pointed out that there could be conflict with the number of houses proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Officers considered that this was a matter for the Parish Council.

You will appreciate that, in these circumstances, my clients would not wish to expend many thousands of pounds on the submission of a planning application which, even with the favourable recommendations of the District Council, was then opposed by the Parish Council on the principle that the development exceeded the limit in the Neighbourhood Plan.

I am keen to make a presentation to the Parish Council to elaborate on the position. I look forward to receiving the response of the Council.

While writing, I would be grateful if you could thank Mrs Wilford for her assistance in making the arrangements for the Exhibition.

Yours sincerely



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