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23rd April, 2013

Dear Sirs,

Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

Main Modifications Number – MM050 (Brigsteer)

Affordable Housing in Rural Areas

Site RN213 – Land opposite the “Wheatsheaf”

The criteria laid down in the SLDC Local Development Framework Core Strategy Document for affordable houses in rural areas states -

‘Infilling’ - building taking place on a vacant plot in an otherwise built up street frontage.

‘Rounding off’ - the completion of an incomplete group of buildings on land which is already partially developed in such a way that will either complete the local road pattern or finally define and complete the boundaries of the Group.

Such rounding off should not change or distort the character or tradition of the group or settlement in any undesirable way.

Clearly , Site No RN 213 in Brigsteer does not meet this criteria.

However, an exception to these rules may be considered where there is clear evidence of local support for the scheme, having due regard to the views of the Parish Council within the Local Area Partnership.

On the 10th April 2012, Helsington Parish Council called a Parish Meeting to obtain the views of the Electorate before making a response to the SLDC on ~~the soundness of the plans for the proposed development of Site RN 213.~~

At that meeting a poll was taken of those members of the Parish Electorate who were present.

39.2% supported the proposed developments on site RN 213 and 60.8% were opposed to the development.

The meeting requested the Parish Council to advise the SLDC of the result of the poll.

Contrary to the wishes of the Parish Electorate, the Parish Council voted that the proposed development was sound and advised SLDC accordingly.

Within a few weeks, on 3rd May 2012 at the AGM of the Helsington Parish Council – a new Parish Council was elected.

They then held an extraordinary meeting on 6th June 2012 to consider the decision that had been taken at the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th April 2012 viz that the SLDC Land Allocation Document relating to site RN213 was legally compliant and sound.

After discussion, it was decided that the previous resolution on this matter (held on 10th April 2012 by the previous Parish Council) should be reversed and that the SLDC be notified accordingly.

With regard to the other organisation claiming to have community involvement and support viz "Helsington Community Trust" I have made my views known about this organisation in my submission to you on 16th April 2012.

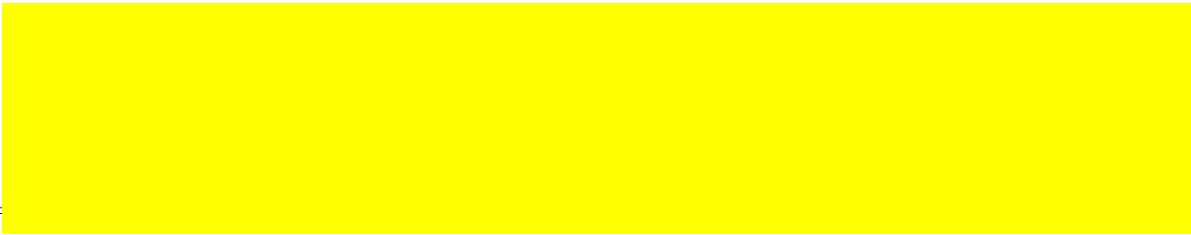
They have failed to gain the support of the Parish Electorate and therefore the criteria for Brigsteer should now be treated in the same manner as all other Rural Communities in respect of Affordable Housing.

I look forward to learning in due course that the Inspector is in agreement with my submission.

Yours faithfully,



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25th April, 2013

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I wish to be associated with the views expressed by my husband in his letter dated 23rd April 2013.

Yours sincerely,



Pauline Hampson