

Waterbeach Parish Council

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To: Waterbeach Parish Council
Cc: Emily
Subject: Parish Council Support for Waterbeach CLT in the New Town SPD

Dear Shelley,

Happy New Year.

As discussed before Christmas, the CLT has been lobbying the District Councillors to strengthen the reference to the CLT in the New Town SPD.

We were very happy to see that it was included as one of the methods which "could" be used to bring some of the housing forward as part of the mix and we support this. But we would be keen to see the reference strengthened to a "should" or a "must" include the CLT. We hope this would further encourage the developers to engage with us, but also put Community Led Development at the heart of the new town. Hopefully if the CLT were involved this might go a little way towards helping the village feel that it were involved in the development rather than having it imposed upon us.

Since our main aim is delivering affordable homes and community facilities for local people we hope the CLT might be able to fill this role.

In all past discussion with the Parish Council and its members at various meetings you have always been really supportive of our aims, which the CLT very much appreciates and we want to do our best for local people as a community led group. We hope that the Parish Council might be willing to lobby SCDC on our behalf for the reference in the SPD to be strengthened.

One of the concerns which District Councillors have raised is about the involvement of the CLT affecting the viability of the site and reducing the number of affordable homes. We have always been keen to stress that we have no intention of the presence of the CLT allowing a reduction in the number of affordable homes to be delivered, and see no reason why it should. In fact we have been looking at whether self-build could actually help to deliver more homes which are affordable, and this is an area where we are meeting with SCDC. We also don't see the CLT as separate from the affordable provision, just another vehicle to deliver some of it, and ensure some of the benefit for the development goes to the local community.

We hope Council would be keen to support us, and would be very happy to come and speak if there are any questions or it would be helpful. Let me know if there is anything else you need.

Best wishes,

Ian

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