

Ms Tamara Dale,
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7th October 2019

Dear Tamara,

Re: Application ref DC/191119

I write in respect of the above application currently under consideration.

The extension of time you have granted to allow consultee responses has been very useful and has galvanised the application with support from HDC Housing, West Sussex Highways and a withdrawal of objection from the Public Rights of Way officer.

It is very disappointing however, to read the most recent representation from Nuthurst Parish Council and despite the conclusion to this letter I would like to make some comment in respect of points raised in their representation;

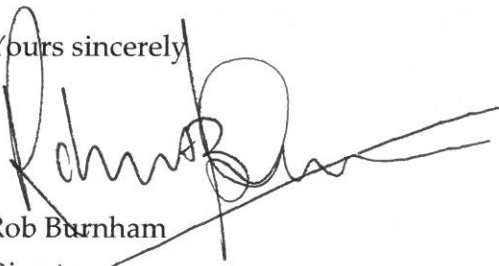
- It is clear that the Parish Council do not accept the growing unmet need for affordable homes in their parish. The unmet need for affordable homes ('Affordable Homes' as determined by the NPPF, not by assessment of what the Parish Council deems 'affordable' for their parishioners) is something the plan examiner was critical of in the assessment of the Nuthurst Neighbourhood Plan. It is particularly important as the council have consistently commented on other applications about the need for smaller homes in the parish.
- The proposed development meets all the criteria for HDPF Policy 17. There are, in fact, currently in excess of 20 households currently on the housing register for the parish of Nuthurst for affordable housing.
- The application is access only, (which is supported) and as such all comments relative to layout, size, scale and massing are erroneous.
- It is inappropriate to classify those seeking Affordable Housing support as the "poorer members of our society". The criteria for those seeking this support is far ranging and the suggestion the potential owners may be 'poor' and unable to afford two cars is an unfortunate statement to make.

- The Neighbourhood Plan is not a tool to stop development outside of sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan. Over the plan period it is expected that Parish Councils will be asked to review their plans to identify additional dwellings and in some circumstances, District Councils may not meet the 5-year housing supply putting further pressure on Neighbourhood Plans.
- We believe that the most recent response to HDC's ecological consultant covers all the points they raised, in detail.

Notwithstanding the positive consultee responses received, we have decided to withdraw the above application following substantial interest in the purchase of the land for alternative tenures to those proposed.

Whilst not the outcome we had envisaged or desired I would like to thank you and your colleagues at the HDC for the objective and proactive way you have dealt with this application.

Yours sincerely



Rob Burnham
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