

Kingsley Parish Council – Dec 2016

Affordable Housing in Kingsley

The planning application for 12 new affordable houses and flats in Kingsley was submitted to EHDC in September. The proposed location for the development is on the old golf course on south side of the B3004 going towards Bakers Corner from the village centre. Full details of the plans can be seen on the EHDC planning website under the reference 54919/001.

The planning application was on the agenda to be discussed at the October Parish Council meeting. Unfortunately this meeting had to be cancelled at short notice and so Councillors discussed the application by email. A précis of the agreed comments is given below.

Kingsley Parish Council gave support for the proposed development, but also had some concerns that need to be fully addressed by the EHDC Planning Authority.

The Council supported the proposed development because the survey it sponsored and which was carried out during 2014/15 by HARAHA (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) showed a real need for affordable housing in the village for local people (ie people who currently live or have lived in Kingsley, or have a close connection with the village).

The Council took into account the results of the HARAHA survey and the Parish Plan survey in 2012 that show more than half of Kingsley residents who responded had no objection to small scale developments in the village.

The Council expressed two concerns in its comments to EHDC. First, footpath 5 adjacent to the proposed development is shown as being retained on the plans submitted with the application. The Council asked that this should be made a condition if planning permission is given.

Secondly, safety along the B3004 road is of paramount concern in the village. The Parish Council asked that the comments about access made by the HCC Highways team be taken fully into account by the EHDC planning authority. Consideration should also be given to the fact that there needs to be safe crossing of the road (by an increased number of people from the new development) to reach the bus stops near the Cricketers Inn and the Kingsley Centre.

Housing need enquiries

In order to be considered for these homes, households in need must register for affordable housing. The Parish Council has been advised that this can be done by contacting:-

- the 'Hampshire Home Choice' housing waiting list: Local Authority Housing Register: Affordable Rent: <https://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk/> 01730 234345 / 234377
- the 'Help to Buy South' housing waiting list: <https://www.helptobuysouth.co.uk/> 0800 456 11 88

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