

December, 2020

Dear Durley Resident,

Durley Parish Council agreed at their December Parish Council Meeting that we should write to all Durley residents to clarify our position on the recent communication which you might have received from Reilly Developments concerning a potential new development on the Quob Stables site in Durley Brook Road. We believe this is necessary as we have been contacted by many residents who have received this communication.

We need to point out that at the current time Durley has no housing allocation, and until the New Winchester Local Plan is adopted the current Local Plan will continue to be in place. This development will follow the same Planning Policies as any other proposed planning scheme. Durley Parish Council has not been informed to date as to whether there will be a housing allocation for Durley in the New Winchester Local Plan. Therefore, this emerging outline proposal which you have received from Reilly Developments does not have the support of Durley Parish Council. This will also be the case if any other developer-led proposal is put forward before the New Winchester Local Plan is adopted and Durley Parish Council has consulted with their residents.

When Durley Parish Council does receive details of the New Winchester Local Plan we firmly believe that any development strategy for Durley should be parish-led and not developer-led. We would like to see any potential development requirements located where residents would like it, and in the size, style and character that would enhance our village. This is why we have asked for your opinions on the recent Parish Questionnaire which has been posted through your door. We asked for your opinions in 2014 and agreed that it was time to update this information and get your latest thoughts and opinions. If you have not yet returned your 2020 Questionnaire, please return it by the end of December. We will then be in the best position to truly reflect the opinion of the whole village.

We believe that any proposal for a significant development in Durley should include a full and comprehensive village consultation, led by Durley Parish Council, and completed before any planning decision is made.

Please make sure that you return your completed Questionnaire by the end of December to make sure that your views are considered by Durley Parish Council in preparation for when the New Winchester Local Plan is adopted.

Durley Parish Council