

Dear Parishioner,

Request for Feedback and Advance Notice of an Application for a Rural Exception Affordable Housing Scheme

Working with the support of Ellesborough Parish Council (EPC), Hastoe Housing Association (HHA) have identified a site along Chalkshire Road, where they are proposing to submit a planning application for 6 new Affordable homes. The proposed site, just to the South of Home Close Farm, is an undeveloped field and currently used as part of an Equestrian Facility, as such it will require a special Rural Exception Site planning application. It is the intention of HHA that they will submit a full planning application in early 2021.

The new development of 6 x 2 Bedroom houses will be owned and managed by the HHA, a Charitable organisation, to specifically provide Affordable Housing for the residents and workers of Ellesborough Parish and surrounds. It will be similar, but smaller, to the scheme they own and manage at Little Kimble near the train station.

HHA are an award winning organisation who specialise in rural housing for local people. They design and build to high environmental standards which means the homes will be energy efficient and economical to run. HHA have been working closely with EPC to ensure that the homes meet the requirements and identified needs of the local community.

HHA are **now** inviting local residents to submit comments and ask questions. This is being conducted as a **pre-planning** exercise. The link for the website is <https://www.hastoe.com/ellesborough/>

The planning application is likely to be submitted in Spring 2021, and there will be further opportunities to make further representations to EPC and to Buckinghamshire Planning Authority, at this time. This current weblink will be open for submission of comments until **22 January 2021 only**. It is then anticipated that an open forum meeting will be conducted with HHA and EPC in early February to review all feedback.

This Affordable Housing Scheme is being supported by EPC, as a result of the high levels of support which previous Housing Needs Surveys have demonstrated within the Parish. We understand that any development, within a rural Parish, will always divide opinions and that is why it is so important **everyone** who has an opinion comes forward now to ensure the full perspective of the Parish is considered. EPC believe this is an exciting initiative for the village of Butlers Cross and we look forward to understanding the latest views of the Parish.

Please note the next Parish Council meeting will be conducted via Zoom on 18th January 2021, 19.30. Please reply to this email if you would like the dial in codes.

On behalf of Ellesborough Parish Council