Planning Application 2020/2053/FUL Fortescue Fields Phase II, Norton St. Philip

Thank you to all the nearly 60 residents who attended the virtual 'Zoom' meeting on Wednesday 6th January.

Towards the end of the meeting the representatives of Lochailort agreed to further engagement with the Parish Council and residents on the many requests for clarification, additional information, further discussion and amendments to the scheme and to provide additional information. It was also pointed out to the Applicants that several items that would normally have been expected to accompany the Application were not yet available namely:-

- Drainage and Flood Risk Strategy
- Transport Statement
- Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal
- Ecological Appraisal
- Heritage Statement

Consequently, the Applicants agreed to ask Mendip for a 6 week extension to the consultation period to enable them to provide the information requested and to consult with the parish on the outstanding matters arising from the meeting, the last date for submission by the PC and residents being 15 January. This was agreeable to the PC.

However, Mendip has refused the request from Lochailort for a deferment of the current decision date of Friday 15 January, stating that the Application must be judged by the Parish Council and residents on what is currently before them, regardless of whether further consultations have been offered by Lochailort on the many requests for amendments to the scheme or that several key documents are not available.

The PC will therefore make its decision on this application at its next meeting on Wednesday 13 January.

So please ensure you make your comments to Mendip by 15 January 2021!

Ian Hasell Chairman, Norton St Philip Parish Council