

**Sent: 24 Jul 20**

Dear Matt,

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2020 seeking Parish Council feedback on your proposed application to Mendip District Council for outline planning permission to develop the land behind Ivy Cottage for 40 dwellings. It was received just before a scheduled Parish Council meeting and was discussed at that meeting.

In previous correspondence and meetings you had indicated that you wanted to “discuss the proposed development further with the Parish Council in the context of the Needs Survey and, in particular, agree the best approach with a public consultation exercise within the local community”. As such the Council were particularly disappointed to find that you are now “moving forward with an application to Mendip District Council to develop the land” without any consideration of the promised public consultation. Although arranging such an event is more challenging during the current pandemic it is possible, and the Council is willing to work with you to facilitate it.

The Parish Council also agreed that you could not get a representative indication of parishioner’s views within the two weeks requested; it is the start of school holidays and a significant proportion of people are away, supporting working family or have similar responsibilities, a situation that will now prevail until September.

As far as your application was concerned, your email only provided a copy of the site plan and no explanation of changes. It also included a letter from the headteacher of the village school that the Council felt was not relevant to your feedback request. Accordingly, the Parish Council agreed that any feedback would be predetermination and declined the opportunity comment.

Yours,

Dave Mattick

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