

MCG OPEN MEETING 23 FEBRUARY 2012 – NOTES ON DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

Responses from Jim Asher (Marcham Community Group) Andy Cattermole (Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire) Mike Hoath (Anson Trust) and Dave Walton (Chair, Marcham Parish Council)

Anson Trust referred to as AT.

- (1) Access roads to village more crowded if more people in village. Any proposals to alleviate this?

Jim Asher: no proposals

Dave Walton: modest amount of S106 money for transport infrastructure, enough to subsidise a bus route but not to improve roads.

Andy Cattermole: S106 money paid to a variety of infrastructure 'pots'. TWO trying to get whole of education 'pot' for Marcham School.

- (2) Potential development behind Kings Avenue only the first half. Could be double the number of houses. Problem with access to Sheepstead Road.

- (3) County Council prediction for number of primary school children in the 50 houses in the proposed new development is 13. But 12 children in 15 houses in last phase of Longfields. Even two new classrooms may not be adequate.

- (4) There have been periods during last 20 years when school did not have enough children. Do governors and head support new classrooms?

A school governor: school governors cannot be seen to be favouring one developer over another. County Council not commenting until a definite proposal.

Andy Cattermole: TWO will be taking an educational architect to see the school.

- (5) New housing next to school could mean that children from other parts of the village who had expected to be able to get into the school could find there are no school places available. Selection done on distance. Need to plan for overcapacity.

- (6) Potential for wonderful new community building. How else could village raise necessary funds?

- (7) Will there be access to proposed hall from Sheepstead Road? Will there be footpath access?

Jim Asher: Road access planned from Howard Cornish Road but potential footpath access using existing permissive paths.

- (8) Would current proposal meet VOWHDC's requirements for new housing or would it just open floodgates?

Jim Asher: difficult to know how IHSP would work but CLP will give framework for the future.

- (9) If all possible land was built on it would mean over 200 houses. Two classrooms would not be enough. Wouldn't it be better to wait for S106 money from other developments and build on AT land instead of having to purchase land. This would cost a lot less than the £2m for the new facilities.

Andy Cattermole: the £2m for the new facilities does not include the cost of the land. It includes the access road and the pitches.

- (10) 220 new houses would mean 440 more cars. Were there any proposals for traffic management?
- (11) AT's proposal would increase the amount of green space for village use. It would also allow the development of junior sport.
- (12) If AT plan goes ahead would AT have endowment it could use for charitable purposes?

Mike Hoath: Yes, fund would support community building and other charitable purposes.