

## **Horrabridge Parish Council Planning Sub-Committee**

### **Planning Meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

#### **Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Steve Roche, Andy Moorehead, Eric Hemsil, Christine Edmundson, Tracey Lear and Fiona Peart.

**Application No:** 0250/19

**Proposed:** Erection of single storey side extension to house at Hillman Cottage, Horrabridge.

To provide extra space to a small lounge. Extension will not be overlooked from any direction, and will have little impact on the neighbourhood. The neighbours are said to be happy with the proposal.

**Conclusion:** The sub-committee voted to SUPPORT.

**DNPA were informed of HPC's observations on:** 20th June, 2019.

**Application No:** 0238/19

**Proposed:** Construction of 2 in No. two-storey terraced affordable housing units and 1 in No. two-storey open market housing unit (all possibly self-build) at land at Fillace Lane, Horrabridge.

Application is for Outline Planning Permission.

The land is a field off Fillace Lane located between the London Inn car park and the first house. The field is left to grass with sheep put in annually. Application 0289/18 for 3 affordable housing units on this site was opposed by HPC as being inappropriate for this high visibility site in the heart of the village, and failing to incorporate the 2 former sausage skin sheds, heritage assets on site. The applicant subsequently withdrew the application.

The committee all felt that retaining the site as a field would be the best outcome for the village. Planning proposals which provided an uplift to the build environment would be supported. DNPA policy for exception sites is for 50/50 affordable/open market, which this application broadly follows. Preferred option (if anything at all was to be built on this site) would be for quality open market housing.

Discussion included the removal of hedging and disposal of surface water. Councillor Lear was particularly concerned regarding increased traffic flows

endangering children crossing Fillace Lane to enter Weir Park footpath. Indeed, the school walking bus meets there.

Applicant's agent Ken Farnham assured the committee that all of the concerns could be met when detailed permission was sought, and that the dwellings would be of a suitable high quality for this location.

The committee carefully considered the options available to them. All indications are that DNPA will grant the application. Highways, the Environment Agency, and DNPA Archaeology all tentatively fail to object. Whilst the preferred option was to object, insufficient planning grounds existed.

**Conclusion:** The sub-committee voted 5 to take a NEUTRAL view, 1 to object.

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