

SELLING OF HOMES – APPENDIX

Motion from Cllr Clarke: “Corfe Castle Parish Council opposes the sale on the open market of vacant formerly rented housing by Aster Housing Association and the National Trust in the Parish. If any future sales are contemplated it would expect consultation on alternative options”.

The council notes the reasons behind the decisions made by Aster and NT but does not agree with them. It is vital for the future population balance of the Parish that it increases the stock of rented property

The policy of the new Government is to increase the stock of rented housing and has increased funding to do so. It has also reduced discounts on the sale of occupied rented housing. Aster should refurbish and relet the property in Halves Cottages while it seeks additional funding for retaining its stock.

The local National Trust has been instructed by its Head Office to fund the repairs of the Castle and other properties locally. We believe that repairs to the Castle should be funded by a special appeal and a loan from NT reserves to be repaid by future income.

If passed the motion should be sent to both organisations (NT Head Office) the local MP and Dorset councillors and the local media.