CCPC motion November 2026

The Council recognises that the investigation of a possible housing development in Tabbits Hill Lane by the CCCLT has generated considerable interest and concern. The Council understands that significant preparatory work is still required before it is clear that a viable proposal is possible and a planning application can be made. It is desirable that we do not raise the level of community and personal anxiety before we know what we are considering.

The Council reaffirms its long standing view that the Parish needs additional affordable rented housing. It expresses its gratitude to the CLT for pursuing possible sites over a considerable period of time and the heavy workload and stress this has placed on unpaid volunteers.

The Council reserves the right however to make its own comments on the merits of the planning application once it is published.

In the meantime the Council :

1. Asks all Councillors to recognise that most questions about the possible development are at this stage premature. Councillors shall keep an open mind and base the Council's eventual response on the published application, relevant planning policies, material planning considerations and reliable evidence.
2. Requests that approaches to the CLT for information by Councillors prior to the planning application are only made through the Clerk and that these questions should deal only with issues relevant to the Council's role. Each councillor remains personally responsible for declaring and managing any relevant interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.
3. Re affirms its commitment to a full consultation process during the planning stage so that the public's comments on the application are fully understood and discussed before the council makes its comments to Dorset Council.