Cabinet - 24 June 2020 - Statements Received

Agenda Item 5 – Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Mudeford Beach Café

Statement from Stephen Barratt (Chairman of the MSBHA)

The MSBHA supports the objectives of local hut residents to make the experience a good one for visiting families and hut owners by restricting the height of the building to one floor, incorporating the shop within the main building, keeping seating within the curtilage and incorporating noise and ventilation suppression measures.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with all parties to drive a financially realistic solution that can be accommodated within timescale and not significantly affect over-utilisation of the site. With this commitment in mind we trust Cabinet will respond by resolving to reconsider its decision of January 15th.

Statement from Darren Pidwell (Secretary of the MSBHA)

The MSBHA has obtained independent legal advice on the landlord and tenant obligations of the Beach House lease. This has been shared with the Director of Law & Governance for urgent review. Whilst it is not appropriate to articulate the detail here, we believe it does support our argument that the fundamental basis of the original business case is flawed and not supported by the lease terms.

Agenda Item 14 – Housing Scheme on Moorside Road, Bournemouth

Statement from Spir Karol

I believe the proposal to build on land which is a nature reserve has not considered the public health and safety of present tedder rd and moorside rd residents and our 200 concerns and complaints dismissed and ignored. We locals know the land and have witnessed many floods. 2 children actually died on steep sandy slope. west howe is very deprived in many ways. Over crowded and urban our open space is very popular with children learning from nature. It is within 400 metres of s.s.s.l and Dorset heathland trust agree. Wildlife thrives there including a protected badger set.

Statement from Elaine Cade

I am totally opposed to the proposed plans to build on precious wildlife land. This lovely piece of open space would be ruined, causing destruction of a badger set, removal of protected species (slow worms) and disruption to other wildlife. The plans are literally built on sand. This site was formally a sand pit and a young boy died there some years ago. The cost of excavating the land and filling it in with concrete, is not justifiable. A more suitable place should be found. This space is needed for local children and residents. Please re-consider this ill thought out development.

Statement from L Carey

I am writing as a concerned homeowner on Moorside Road.

Piling is needed for these new homes. Does your budget of £4.5 million include the amount I will sue the council for damages to my home I have insured for?

£321,000 per home. Is this a wise use of tax payers money? The average price on Moorside Road is £250,000. Currently a four bedroom ex-council house is for sale on Moorside Road for £300,000!

Flooding - Will my home be protected when inevitably there will be a landslide. I have video evidence of flooding on Moorside Road.

Please consider these and many other issues before making a decision.

Statement from Susan Lennon

As Chair for the community Association and development of West Howe I am asking for reconsideration of the building expenditure for the 14 houses.

It is an open space for sloworms, badgers and the Dorset warbler. It has been subject to flooding 2016 and 200 objections noted some 2 years ago and planning inspectorate March 2020.

We as residents implore you to reconsider the borrowing of over 2 million to fund pilling and the removal of vegetation as well. In this current situation the expenditure is a burden on the people of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. Thankyou

Susan Lennon Chair
David Powis vice Chair
Albert Watford Treasurer
Louise Tucknott Secretary
Zara Kirol Member
Ian Smith and Wife Member
Jeff Coombs member and chair of Community Park Moore Ave.
Residents objections list should be at Planning but can be requested

Statement from Mr and Mrs Tucknott

I am writing as a concerned Homeowner of Moorside Road.

Piling is needed for these new homes. Does this budget of £4.5 million include damage to my home? I will sue for damages without hesitation.

£321,000 per home. Is this a wise use of tax payers money when the average price (on Moorside Road) is £250,000. Currently an ex- council house, 4 bedroom, is for sale on Moorside Road for £300,000?

Flooding. Will my home be protected when inevitably there will be a land slide (I have video evidence of flooding on Moorside Road)

Please consider these and many other issues before making your decision.

Statement from Angela Pooley on behalf of East Dorset Friends of the Earth

Whilst East Dorset Friends of the Earth recognise and support the need to provide affordable homes for local people we believe that the proposals in the Housing Scheme at Moorside Road, Bournemouth Application are not acceptable for the proposed site therefore we are objecting for the following reasons:

The Ecological Assessment is seriously flawed, the Reptile Survey was carried out in October/November which is the wrong time of year for this type of survey. Also the full Survey took place in 2013 followed by a Reptile Survey that was carried out in 2015, therefore these have now expired so another full Survey needs to be carried out again in Spring/Summer before a final decision is made.

Whilst there are recommended mitigation measures we do not believe these are robust enough to ensure a continued viable habitat for the endangered/protected species that are known to be present on the proposed site including an unusually high number of Slow Worms.

The site is located within 400m of Fernheath; Turbary Common & Kinson Common, these sites all are high ecological/conservation sites and are within the Exclusion Zone for development adjacent to protected Heathland. Its location makes it the ideal corridor/refuge between the commons for the protected species mentioned above.

Statement from Ms Lennon

The Planning Application for the above development, dated 28/11/2016, field 17, specifies 14 Social Rented Houses. Planning Permission was granted in 2018.

In the video of the BCP Overview and Scrutiny Board Meeting on Monday 15/06/2020, Councillor Bartlett speaks in Agenda Item 8. At 1 hour, 11 minutes and 2 seconds into the video he states that "Moorside is Affordable Housing, **not** Social Housing."

The Funding you are being asked to grant has no Planning Permission. It is not going to fund the Social Rented Housing that was granted Permission.