



Clifton-upon-Teme Parish Council

20th February 2013

Mr David Hughes, Leader of MHDC
Cllr Gill Farmer, District Councillor
Ms Rosie Murray, MHDC
Mr Duncan Rudge, Head of Planning, MHDC
Mr K Pollock, County Councillor Tenbury District

The Parish Council called an extraordinary meeting to discuss their response to the SWDP Consultation on Test of Soundness and Legal Compliance. Over 100 parishioners attended the meeting (minutes attached for your information). I am also attaching the formal response sent to the SWDP Consultation on Test of Soundness and Legal Compliance.

The parishioners asked that the Parish Council report the following views of the villagers to MHDC and request that they reconsider the allocation of Hope Lane as the only preferred site in the SWDP.

- Lack of consultation with the parishioners of Clifton upon Teme on site selection. The majority of parishioners present were not aware of Hope Lane being the preferred site.
- The SWDP preferred site for 30 houses in Hope House Lane received very little support – 2 votes in favour
- The consensus was that 2 smaller developments would be preferable and would allow more choice in design to suit the history, integrity and aesthetics of the village.
- Development by the Brockhill Estate would allow villagers to have more say and control over the future of development in their village
- There was total support for the Church House Farm proposal. This proposal would allow listed farm buildings to be preserved and would enable the Crump family to continue to farm as they have for generations. It will also provide private rental properties on a very flexible basis.

The village has accepted a maximum allocation of 30 houses over the plan period. However it would like to develop a Neighbourhood Plan over the next 2 years in order to define the optimum location and design of these houses with the relevant landowners in order to achieve the right long term result for the village. This is a once in a lifetime chance to get this significant extension of the village right. The decision between Hope Lane and land at Steps or other sustainable sites should be left to the parishioners to be finalised by 31.03.2015.

Meanwhile we expect Church House Farm proposals to come forward imminently.

Janet Dale
Clerk