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Dear David

Housing and Community Facilities at Drove Road, Chilbolton

I write in response to your letter of 22nd November which was in response to my letter of 16th August.

Thank you for inviting me to meet with the CDC and present my application to the community.

Given my Outline Planning Application was formally lodged with TVBC on 12th November, at this time instead of meeting can I please refer you to the various detailed reports submitted within this fully explained application.

In addition to the above, I would like to offer the following comments to hopefully address some concerns the community have raised since my submission:

Sewerage

A direct feed Southwards from the site to the Treatment Plant is proposed, with no extra load on the Village Street/pumping station system. For clarity the regular smell is not from an overloaded existing system but from Tunnel Tech mushroom plant located on the Down.

Surface Water

There are some concerns there will be will run-off from the new hard surfaces downhill onto Village Street. Please note the extensive measures taken within the scheme as illustrated on the scheme plan and detailed within the drainage strategy reports to mitigate any such risk of surface run-off.

Light pollution

I understand a large majority of Villagers enjoy our “dark skies” environment (as per previous Survey results). To confirm I would not propose street lighting within the further details of for this scheme.

School

Concerns have been raised that Wherwell School cannot accommodate the extra children from the proposed new Chilbolton homes as it is full. I believe that the current situation is that Wherwell and Chilbolton on their own do not generate enough pupils to keep the School afloat, and a significant number of children have to come from Andover. More Chilbolton children may be the best guarantee

of keeping the School open, also would allow a greater share of the school roll being members of the local community.

Shop

To confirm new Shop has been proposed not as a competitor to the existing village shop, but to provide a better alternative for Nicky and Andy, given the shop's financial struggles they have relayed to the community for some time.

In addition to the shop area, the new building would provide space for a tea room with both inside and outside seating areas, onsite catering unit, and ample parking, along with a new surgery. There would also be more customers available to Nicky from the new homes, thus improving the shops viability. Of course there would be no pressure from my family for Nicky to relocate from her present premises unless it was her wish.

House Building and Design

Detailed design will need to be agreed with Planners and where appropriate the development will need to comply with the Chilbolton Neighbourhood Plan and built inline with demand.

Finally, in due course I wish to continue to work with the community, indeed this is partly why I chose to submit an Outline Application, which allows scope for collaboration when addressing the details of the scheme which are yet to be finalised. Please note the inclusion of the large open area within the proposed scheme is designed to accommodate the tailored requirements for the community which can be determined in time.

Best regards

James Painter