

PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO SHEPHERDS GROVE DEVELOPMENT

Highways

The new proposed roundabout and improvements to the A143 are seen as a positive for the village of Stanton. The Parish council would like to see a weight limit on the approaches to the village centre on the following roads: Upthorpe Road, Hepworth Road, Old Bury Road and Grove Lane. The council would not wish to have unnecessary Large Goods Vehicles going through the centre of Stanton and to mitigate this would expect that the main access road of the development MUST link east and west sides of the Shepherds Grove Industrial Estates.

The council would also wish to see both safe pedestrian and cycle pathways on the main access road to allow safe passage to Public Transport, this should also be extended into Grove Lane to encourage sustainable travel to the school and village facilities. The current plan shows bus stops at either end of the development but the council would like to see provision of a bus layby on the main access road to encourage the bus companies to provide sustainable transport provision to service the new developments of housing and industry.

Local Amenities

Pre school facilities are already at their limits in Stanton so support would be needed, there could be an opportunity for creche and nursery facilities within the development as there is very limited provision within the village for the ages 0 – 2 except through childminders. There is nursery school as part of the primary school but this is close to capacity.

Health Facilities/primary care. The council believe that the developers should continue to consult on the provision of and expansion in medical facilities as both Ixworth and Stanton surgeries are already working to capacity and the siting of both in a residential area is leading to inappropriate levels of parking causing inconvenience to local residents.

Recreation facilities

The council would wish to see support for improved all weather sports facilities, both indoor and outdoor, for the village. Open play/recreation space in the area should be included in the masterplan from the earliest opportunity.

Type of building.

The council would welcome a good mix of houses to suit all groups from single occupancy to large families. The facility to release plots for self-build would be also be a positive in the view of the council.

Whilst the council accept the need for housing development to support the construction of the spine road and other improvements to the A143 we would expect to see an element of social and affordable housing to be included in the plan.

Section 106

The council would want to receive monies for the benefit of the community for sport and recreational facilities.

Renewables

Stanton Parish Council would wish to see all properties and industrial/retail units built with as much environmentally friendly and sustainable forms of energy and water management as possible, supporting Suffolk County Councils aspiration to be the greenest county. The provision of recycling facilities should be included in the masterplan.

Sewage and Water Treatment

It is understood that the Stanton sewage treatment plant capacity is already close to maximum and with other housing developments planned for surrounding villages which are feeding into this plant the Council would wish to see the impact of the Shepherds Grove Masterplan being re-appraised as it a strong cause for concern in the village.

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