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Subject: TENTERDEN/VILLAGES DPD - BETH 1a

Dear Richard

I have been asked to seek your clarification on the implication of the current wording in BETH 1a which includes reference to an indicative site capacity of 15 units and refers to its size being 0.7 of a hectare-

For both of these reasons it is suggested that the affordable housing policy CS12 is imposed on any development of this site requiring 35% of the stock to be affordable-

This will seriously effect the Parish Councils ability to promote a local needs scheme on a nearby site that will be large enough to meet the current local need in the Village-

All of the officers and most of the Councillors are aware of the particular problems faced by Betersden over the last 20 or so years to secure a suitable local needs site, and in recent times we have been reassured by Ashford Council that everything possible will be done to enable a suitable Local Housing Needs scheme to be developed-

Such a scheme will need to comprise 10 to 20 houses in probably a phased form of development and any further "affordable" component on nearby 1a will prejudice this scale of provision and lead to an imbalance of low cost to general demand housing in the area-

We are therefore seeking to have the reference in brackets of (indicative capacity 15) removed from BETH 1a and the ref to site area defined as 0.7 hectare to avoid imposition of the CS12 policy-

As a community we have researched and debated our local requirement for over 18 months and would not like to see the DPD frustrate it-

Please may we therefore have your assurance that the Council does indeed understand our position and is prepared to agree with the Inspector to alter BETH 1 a accordingly-

We note the subject is on the Inspectors Agenda for review on 24th June and should like to be in a position to support BETH 1a -

We have a special scheduled meeting for 7th June in advance of our Parish Council Meeting on 9th June to agree our submission to the Enquiry, and would be grateful if you could reply beforehand-

Kind regards
Keith