



## Summary of feedback from Woodman Close, Sparsholt consultation event held on 7th November 2019



This document is a summary of the feedback received following the Woodman Close, Sparsholt consultation event on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Approximately 40 people attended the event and we have had a total of 16 feedback forms returned (there were no responses online using Citizen Space).

This event followed the initial community consultation on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and was requested by the Parish Council, following further investigations of the site, to show how the outline plans have developed.

Further investigations on wider parking options have also taken place and these potential options were shown at the event.

The feedback form invited attendees to provide their comments to assist Sparsholt Parish Council decide whether to support this small affordable housing scheme, and to help to shape what this and communal car parking improvements could look like.



Three questions were asked relating to the affordable housing proposal and three questions relating to the communal car parking proposals.

Please note that not everyone who completed a feedback form answered every question. For some questions, answers have been split under different categories for ease of interpretation of the responses.

## **Proposed affordable housing**

- 1. The proposed scheme is only just financially viable for the Council. A scheme of fewer than five homes would be unlikely to go ahead. **Do you support a scheme of five homes on this site?***

### Comments in support

- Yes totally for them
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes generally supportive
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes – five homes fit nicely on the site. The balance of 1 and 2 bed homes looks O.K.

### Other comments

- Concerns over school spaces + traffic
- I think if we have to have housing development in Bostock – this scheme is acceptable – anymore houses would be awful

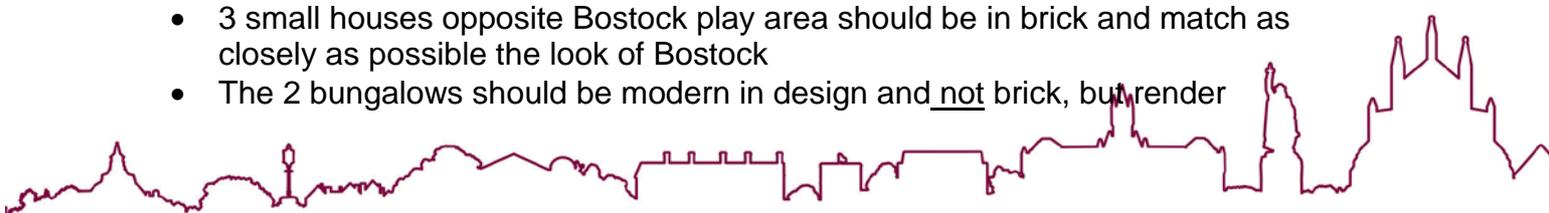
## **2. Tell us what you think about how the houses could look**

### *A) What do you think the houses should look like?*

- In keeping with the surrounding homes
- Modernistic: modern appearance, mix of dark and light colours, clean lines using material that will provide longevity
- Not like an industrial estate – these are houses
- The proposed designs look very good regarding the size and proportion.
- Nothing with odd, different zig zag like roofs
- Don't like the idea of steps to houses, wouldn't an undulating slope be possible and more accessible?

### *B) What types of building materials do you think should be used?*

- External wood should be avoided
- 3 small houses opposite Bostock play area should be in brick and match as closely as possible the look of Bostock
- The 2 bungalows should be modern in design and not brick, but render





- Brick and timber
- Please let them be in keeping with the rest of Bostock Close – brown red brick. Don't use trendy new material like dark/black wood etc. NOT in keeping with village!
- Our preferred materials would be brick (not too bright) and timber cladding, with slate or tiled roof
- No hard looking dark brick
- Maybe some hanging tiles to the walls

### *C) What do you think about landscaping?*

- Is there any
- On such a small site, landscaping should be limited to nice shrubs and some grass
- Not keen on planting trees as I think there are enough in Bostock
- Concerned about trees blocking light to north of houses

### **3. Do you have any other comments regarding the proposed affordable housing?**

#### Car parking

- Car parking for school parents to help during the school run would make a massive difference at peak times
- Don't want to encourage traffic into the close. School spaces
- Concerns with proposed parking on Woodman Close – most residents already have driveways. Bostock Close are the residents who will suffer and will not drive across to the other side of Woodman Close to leave their vans full of work equipment etc. If spaces are put in lay by effect rather than strips

#### Landscaping

- Existing trees should be retained if at all possible
- I'm really pleased you've kept the trees and green areas – we were so worried about losing these and it ruining the whole atmosphere

#### Energy efficiency

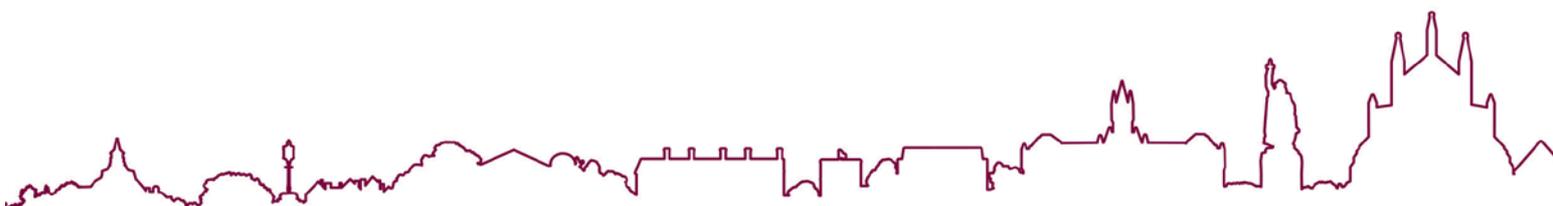
- Would like to think that properties would be fuel efficient considering energy bills to tenants

#### Rural affordable housing

- It is most important that these properties will be occupied by locals and that the rent charged will be friendly to those tenants that are on low wages

#### Other

- Supportive
- Hope contractors will be considerate ones – limiting noise to working hours etc. + keep site safe (so kids can't get into mischief on the site)





## Proposed communal car parking

### **4. There is the potential to provide additional parking around Woodman Close play area. Would you prefer this to be maximised (potential for 29 parking bays to be created)?**

#### Yes

- Get as much parking in as possible. Think all of it will be used by residents of Woodman, and of number of benefits to Bostock although there is a nominal amount of vehicles in Bostock
- Woodman close already has a parking problem, even before the new development. Therefore we prefer the max number of spaces, and the 29 space scheme is good.

#### No

- No!! 13 is ample
- I have 2 parking spaces on my property, as do my neighbours on both sides. We find that the existing layby opposite us is very rarely used, certainly no need for extra spaces on our side of the park. My concern about adding so many (29!) spaces is that that will encourage more cars to be driving around the park which is usually very quiet and safe for the many small children living nearby. My children play out in the park very frequently and ride their bikes on the quiet roads around the square. Of the options I would suggest A2 is plenty of space for our area.
- No. this needs really careful planning. Agreed – definitely more formalised parking need. Could you do a mix of layby style + diagonal parking
- 29 too many, lay by more suitable
- 29 parking spaces is too many + will affect rural/green look of park. We don't want to look out onto a 'car park', but a park. I think increased parallel parking is preferable to maintain rural aspect whilst still increasing car parking. Also safety is a key consideration with so many kids accessing the park/ 'free range' in the square – cars reversing out of 'non parallel' spaces is dangerous. Regardless, please no white lines/markings – too urban

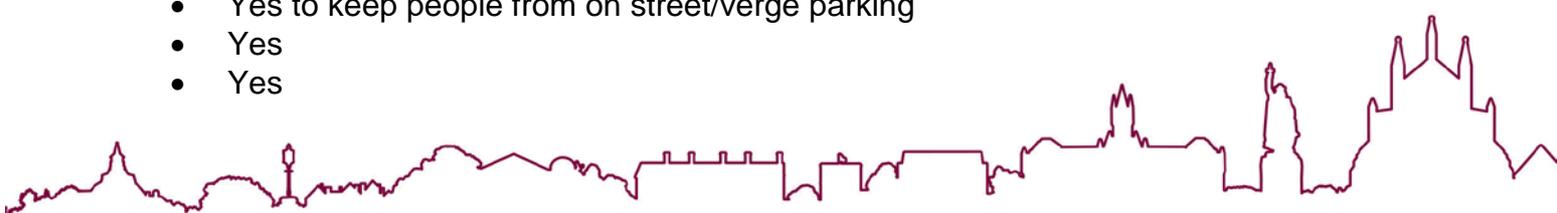
#### Other

- No view
- Spaces for commercial vehicles (light) and school run parking
- There are a number of vans of various sizes that will require parking spaces, so combination of say 6 bays and ? bays for cars

### **5. Would you prefer Stockwell Place communal car parking to be formalised with white lining (potential for 13 parking bays to be marked out)?**

#### Yes

- Yes, again get as much in as possible
- Yes to keep people from on street/verge parking
- Yes
- Yes





### No

- No! Current bay 5 is actually access. **PLEASE don't** mark out 1 and 2; people park there already and are very respectful of parking very close to curb. If marked it could encourage poor parking/blocking drive/anybody using the hall etc. to use it rather than locals who know it's in front of my drive.
- No white lines

### Other

- No real opinion on Stockwell Parking (but prefer to avoid white marking)
- Don't really like white lining generally but if it would increase the number of cars parking in this area, then we would agree to it

## **6. Do you have any other comments regarding communal car parking?**

### Spaces for larger vehicles

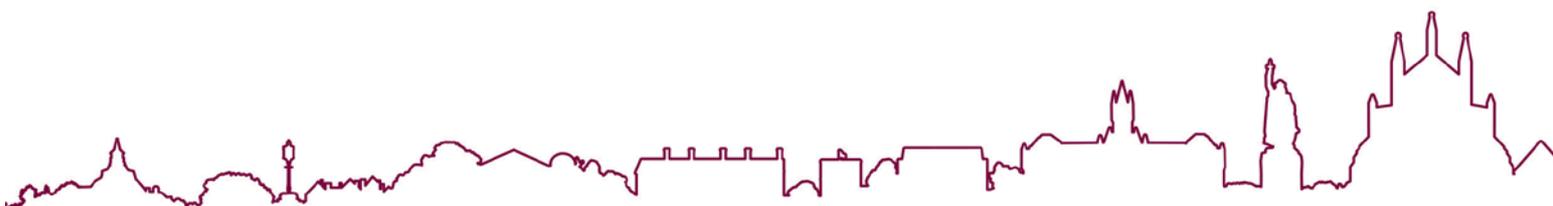
- Spaces need to be large enough to accommodate vans and small lorries for local trades, not only small cars
- The growing number of commercial vehicles parking overnight is a problem. Also they are getting longer. What can be done to accommodate these longer vehicles

### Safety

- Parking marked bays will be safer for children playing
- Please try to make subtle changes to parking on Woodman close not wholesale, large changes which would affect nature of the square + threaten safety of the community's children. Don't want to become a carpark for the rest of the village's cars to use. Thank you

### Other

- Have spoken to Michelle on depth and shared ideas
- Stockwell place with their ugly fascia's but huge gardens could be redeveloped completely knocked down and more houses and parking could all be located in this wasted area
- Car parking is now taken for granted and you will not please everyone. But parking is essential especially for those families with small children
- Could put a few natural bollard stones on edge of green/play park to stop people parking on the grass? Just an idea.
- The buses turn around on the corner after the bus stop and run over the small green space – it might be worth making room for the bus to manoeuvre here (i.e. complete a three point turn on the road).





## Summary

- There is majority support from those who completed a feedback form for a scheme of five units on this site
- Other comments on housing design will be considered as part of the ongoing design process, should the Parish Council agree to proceed with an affordable housing scheme
- Car parking dominates the comments. The majority of respondents felt that maximising car parking around Woodman Close play area was not the best option. The question of whether to formalise the parking at Stockwell Place also received a mixed response, with more comments in favour than against. The options and comments will be considered and taken forward in further consultation with residents as a separate project.

