



Wickwar
Parish Council

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Ms xxxxxx
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Dear xxx,

Re: Public consultation on proposed development – land east of Inglestone Road, Wickwar

Thank you for attending the Wickwar Parish Council meeting on 2nd December 2020 to present a proposal during public time, in preparation for the submission of an outline planning application by Crest Nicholson for residential development on land off Inglestone Road, Wickwar.

It was noted at the meeting that the information supplied in relation to the application was very limited in nature and that any comments made should not be taken as an indication of support or otherwise. Nor will they prejudice any formal response later provided by Wickwar Parish Council.

The Parish Council notes that the public consultation period is now open and will conclude on 22nd January 2021. Given the limited information that has been released to the public and the decision to conduct the consultation online/ by post/telephone only, the Parish Council does not feel that the consultation is adequate, and therefore makes the following urgent requests.

Firstly, the proposed development of 150 new houses is speculative and does not comply with South Gloucestershire Council's adopted Core Strategy (policy CS34 Rural Areas) nor the adopted Policies, Sites and Places plan. In order to consult properly with local residents, it is imperative that Crest Nicholson immediately makes public all pre-application advice received from South Gloucestershire Council. If this advice is not made public then the Parish Council fails to see how the public can engage with the consultation effectively, and furthermore will strongly argue that adequate consultation has not taken place. Please can you let the Parish Council know when and how this will be published, at your earliest convenience?

Secondly, the size and scope of this proposed development are significant and Wickwar is severely lacking in the infrastructure required to make the village a sustainable location for development. It is therefore vital that this proposal is communicated as widely as possible, so that residents may ask questions and highlight the issues of concern. The Parish Council is therefore pleased that a representative of Crest Nicholson has informally agreed to organise a public meeting via Zoom before the end of the consultation period (agreed via email on 23rd December). Please can you confirm the details of the meeting as soon as possible, and in any event by 11th January 2021 at the latest?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Davis'.

Rachel Davis

Parish Clerk