



# Stoke Mandeville Parish Council



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Dear David

## **Bucks Sports & Social Club**

I refer to recent correspondence and meetings regarding the above site. Discussions have taken place between Buckinghamshire Council (BC), our Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), your consultants, Savills, and ours, Untitled Practice (UP).

At the Stoke Mandeville Parish Council (SMPC) meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March, it was agreed by councillors that SMPC would take part in the joint public consultation on the outline plans for this site. You have indicated that the public consultation is likely to commence on 4<sup>th</sup> April, with drop-in sessions for the public at the Eskdale Road Community Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April. I have made members of SMPC and NPSG aware of these intended dates and asked for attendees. The quicker the dates and times can be confirmed, the better we can support them.

There are of course matters still to be resolved before a 'nearer final' plan for the site can be produced, and we understand that you intend further meetings with all parties to work on these. The topics of parking, of the dimensions of the football pitch, the sporting facilities available, and of access and egress arrangements from the existing road network have all to be finalised. We have indicated that as the current preferred design borrows most from the work done on our behalf by UP, we are content for you to engage directly with them. In turn, you have indicated that a financial contribution from BC to us towards UP's work to date would not form a stumbling block to our partnership.

As all parties move towards the production of an agreed masterplan for the site, there is a reliance on everyone acting in good faith. We have already mentioned that our forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan



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will not designate the site as 'Local Green Space', provided the development comes forward in accordance with that masterplan. Otherwise, we will reinstate the designation. Clearly this is not an outcome we, or you, would welcome, and the production of some form of Memorandum of Understanding between us at the end of this process is the preferred option.

We will doubtless be hearing from you again shortly and look forward to a successful collaboration.

Best regards

*Graham W. Stewart*

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Chairman – Stoke Mandeville Parish Council