



# Hordle Parish Council

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## Parish Council Update - Autumn 2022

### **Council objects to revised housing plans**

At a busy meeting on 6th September, where many residents voiced their concerns, the Parish Council voted to object to Bargate Homes' revised plans for 97 homes and open space on Strategic Site 9 (SS9) - Land east of Everton Road, Hordle. The full comment is on the Parish Council website but the main points are:

### ***Creating healthy and safe communities through good design.***

The Parish Council has some concerns about the overall design of the site. There is a large grouping of affordable housing at the Silver Street end of the site which appears as a segregated "enclave". There is also a carpark which is tucked away behind buildings with a lack of oversight and informal supervision.

There are concerns about the density of build on the site causing an urban feel to the area. The Parish Council is concerned about the lack of cycling and walking routes in the plan which gives the development a sense of isolation from the village.

The Parish Council has serious concerns that pedestrians could create an unofficial access on to Silver Street as the quickest access route to local amenities.

### ***Impact on the character and appearance of the area.***

The Parish Council is very concerned about the significant loss of mature trees with a high amenity value and the negative impact this will have on the appearance of Everton Road, especially the loss of mature trees to provide a temporary construction access.

### ***Impact on highway safety.***

The Parish Council and residents have very strong concerns about highway safety. Everton Road access - the Parish Council considers the location of this junction to be poorly placed with limited visibility.

The pavement on Everton Road which is a main route to the primary school is very narrow in places and does not allow a safe walking route to school. Additional traffic will make this even more hazardous.

There is concern about construction traffic being routed in and out of the site via the A337 especially if this development overlaps with SS8, SS7, SS10 and SS5 in Milford, Brockhills (Ashley) & Pennington.

### ***Impact on flood risk on, or near the site.***

The Parish Council is concerned that several areas in close proximity to this site are already prone to flooding. This includes Silver Street, Cottagers Lane and Everton

Road. This, coupled with Southern Water's report that the proposed soak away system and ditches and existing sewers are unable to cope with any new development, is extremely concerning.

**Impact on provision of open space, sport and recreation, community services and infrastructure.**

The Parish Council is concerned that although mitigation money to improve local schools will be in place, that space constraints of the site of Hordle Primary School will mean that any tangible benefits to education provision for the village's children will not be maximised.

Places for safe school bus pick up/ drop off points for children living on the new development have not been considered (see the earlier point about pedestrian safety to access to the bus stop on the Ashley Road).

The Parish Council is concerned about the proposed arrangements for a management company to oversee the management of the ANRG. It is concerned about the robustness of such a company which relies on residents to pay a fee and become actively involved in perpetuity. In addition, it is concerned that such a company may not have the best interests of the whole of the Hordle community at heart when managing the site. The Parish Council would like to see the management of the site remain with a local authority to ensure that the site is protected and management for the benefit for all residents.

The Parish Council feels that it is best-placed to contribute the selection and design of the facilities on site and would like to be part of the consultation process for this to ensure the optimum scheme is produced for the benefit of the whole community.

No parking has been provided for people wishing to access the ANRG space and this with the proposal that the estate will not be adopted by Highways means that cars

will park on Everton Road.

**Hordle Parish Council strongly recommends Refusal – Parish 4.**

**Community Orchard**

The next round of planting at the Community Orchard is scheduled for 5th November.

To sponsor a tree in memory of a loved one or to

commemorate a significant event or anniversary, contact the office or visit the website. The Parish Council will also be planting bluebells and Primroses on the bank at the bottom of the rec at this time. The Orchard has had a great first year and the wildflowers have bloomed beautifully.



**New Councillor joins the team**

Ben Sandford was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor at the July meeting. Ben is a Hordle resident and is looking forward to getting involved with community matters. We will update you with news on the other vacancy in the next edition.

**Volunteers needed!**

We are looking for volunteers for the Golden Hill Working party to look after the woods and the Speedwatch group. If you have some spare time, would like to meet new friends and give back to your community, visit the volunteer page of our website or contact the Parish Office.

**Next Meetings**

Tuesday 27th September (tbc), 18th October, 15th November & 20th December at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane at 7.15pm. Agendas and minutes are available on our website: [hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk)