

White Dirt Farm Planning Application Received

You Are Invited To A Residents Meeting

History:

Taylor Wimpey held a public consultation in March where plans were unveiled for 220 homes to be built on White Dirt Farm. The public consultation was very well attended and strong feedback against the development was given to the developers. In the last weeks Taylor Wimpey have submitted a revised set of plans to EHDC as a formal application. This is application reference 26152/002 and is for 135 dwellings. Please visit www.horndeanmatters.com for a link to the full application. Their 'masterplan' is shown on the reverse of this newsletter.

Timescales:

Application Accepted at EHDC - 30th July 2014
Consultation starts - 1st August 2014
Consultation ends - 30th August 2014
Expected decision date - 30th October 2014
Case Officer - Gary Hancox (Planning Officer)



Residents invitation to a public meeting:

I am organising a residents meeting which you are invited to. This will be supported by the White Dirt Farm Action Group, and Parish Councillor Carolyne Jacobs who is also one of your Downs Ward representatives. Cllr Sara Schillemore, the ward Councillor will also be attending to hear views from everyone. This will be on:

18th August at Catherington Church Hall at 7:00pm

The church hall is between the Church and White Dirt Lane. **Tea and Coffee will be provided from 6:30.**

The meeting will last for about 90 minutes and cover the following:

- Horndean's Housing Needs - why we need 700 new homes between now and 2028.
- Horndean Housing Consultation results - The consultation organised by EHDC Councillors.
- White Dirt Farm Plans - Discussion about the master plan and impact.
- Planning issues we might use to object - Material and Non Material Planning Issues.
- Cllr Schillemore Role in the process - Sara is Ward Councillor for the site and sits on the Planning Committee.
- Timescales, How to stay informed, How to comment and who to copy in.
- Any Questions will be taken during each section.

FAQ:

How do I comment? You can give comments any time to 30th August. These need to be given to the planning department at EHDC and this can be online (visit www.horndeanmatters.com for a direct link to the application) or post to Gary Hancox, East Hampshire District Council, Penns Place, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4EX. Please copy in Cllr Schillemore at sara.schillemore@easthants.gov.uk Hopefully the public meeting will help give you with this.

Why hasn't this application been stopped? Any land owner is entitled to submit a planning application and for the last months the ball has been in Taylor Wimpey's court while they consider their plans. East Hants have only just received an application and are only now able to consider and decide it. The process takes about 13 weeks.

What happens in this 13 week period? The next 4 weeks is to gather consultation comments from residents and other consultees like the Parish Council. After this organisations like HCC, EA, Southern Water, Portsmouth Water, SSE, Hampshire Primary Care trust, Hampshire Schools Officer, Archaeologist, Fire, Police, Ecologist, landscape officer and 20 others give their views. The case officer then pulls these comments together and assesses the application with Council policy. A report with a recommendation is then prepared.

Guy Shepherd - We Are Downs Ward – August 2014 WDF Special

Who decided the application? The case officer who will consider the application has only been assigned to the application in the last week, and due to the size of the application it will most be decided at a full Planning Committee. No decision has been made, and none will be made until all of the organisations have commented.

How do I keep informed? Keep watching www.horndeanmatters.com and consider subscribing to the site. The White Dirt Farm Action Group also keep people informed by Facebook.

The Various Plans Of WDF

Many residents and interested parties received a letter from Taylor Wimpey advising the plans were to be submitted and that they could be viewed on their website. The plan below on the LEFT is the version you will have seen if you followed the link in their letter. The plan below on the RIGHT is the actual plan filed with EHDC to be considered for the application. As you can see there is a significant difference in the extent the site runs to the north, in two cases stopping very different sides of Francis Road.

For clarity, the plan on the RIGHT is the plan submitted to the planners which covers considerably more of the site. Taylor Wimpey have been invited to explain this discrepancy...

