

Questions raised with Spitfire Homes at the public meeting 15 February 2023

The following questions were confirmed with Spitfire Homes following the public information meeting on 15 February. Spitfire confirmed they would respond to them by 3 March.

- Commentary on whether ground source heat pumps have been considered as an alternative to air source heat pumps, especially a communal ground source heat pump set up.
- Has rainwater harvesting been considered? Will this contain grey water?
- Please could you confirm the housing mix proposed (affordable and market)?
- Related to the above, what are the expected number of families to be generated by the proposal?
- Do Spitfire have any proposed figures/market values which could inform what the affordable housing costs may be? Is such information too sensitive to be released?
- When were the ecological surveys undertaken and over what period of time? Are hedgehog and bat boxes necessary?
- How will the POS / wildlife be maintained?
- Please could you clarify the habitat and linear biodiversity net gain and what % of the biodiversity increases are from wetland/pond areas?
- Dark night sky - What is the expected external lighting? Is there a proposed scheme?
- Would the applicant fund a walking bus / cycling bus to make sure children get safely to school?
- What percentage of affordable housing and tenures,
- Where will the construction Traffic come from?
- Is 80 houses too many? Have you considered alternative quantum of development?
- Has the appeal decision for the retirement scheme influenced the scheme? Or how does it relate to any proposed changes you may wish to make?
- Could the specifics of the proposed fitting out, ownership, staffing and operational model of the shop be clarified in writing please?
- Spitfire was clear that the Methodist chapel was not available as a community hub – have they actually engaged direct with the Methodist church over the building, and if so, could they relay what they proposed to the Methodist Church, and what the response was?
- Could the breakdown of space between the developable area, the community hub, the allotments and open space be provided and shown on a plan?