

STATEMENT BY THE LOCKINGE ESTATE

The Lockinge Estate wish to clarify that the proposals which were presented to the Parish Council on 11th July were only in the form of a concept for discussion, as was explained at the time.

*Subsequently, there appears to have been a degree of confusion with some people believing this to be the start of a formal planning application process which is certainly not the case. The Estate has a long and successful track record of consulting with the community dating back to the 1970's and this current concept is no different. To this end an **Open Exhibition** is to be held at **The Loyd Lindsay Rooms on Saturday 7th October between 11.00am and 3.00pm**. This will provide an opportunity for everyone within the community to learn about the background to the proposal for delivering new housing, including affordable dwellings, a new village shop and café, additional car parking and other community benefits. The exhibition will be attended by representatives from the Estate who will be able to discuss the proposals in detail and listen to any comments which people may wish to make.*

The concept is designed to secure the future sustainability of the Estate along with that of the local community as a vibrant place in which to live and work. To achieve this the Lockinge Trust needs to remain financially viable coupled with the other entities that fall within the overall Estate in order to provide the beautiful surroundings, a significant number of affordable homes (currently 56), the village amenities, enhanced public access, the community wood, and other benefits which so many enjoy.

*Following the Open Exhibition, the concept will be carefully reviewed and **if the scheme is to be pursued then a further open meeting will be held**. This is a genuine consultation exercise and thus far the concept has not been discussed with the Local Planning Authority nor any other statutory bodies. As was carefully explained on 11th July, prior to the Parish Council meeting the concept had only been shared with the Trustees and the Estate's senior management team.*

Given this not a planning application in any shape or form, anyone who wishes to express views prior to or following the Open Exhibition is welcome to contact the Estate Office directly. This is probably best to take place following the exhibition, after which the information on display will have been assimilated.