

Housing Group Section Progress Report 20th November 2013 for the Steering group meeting on the 26th November 2013

Following the first meeting in October the group has been working on the information required to be incorporated within the Sedgefield Plan. The Housing Section has been reviewing the document (Pre-submission draft local plan) The members of the group volunteered to research various aspects that would impact on the village and Eden Drive Site.

The following has been achieved or is on going:-

- Chris Short has reviewed the cross boundary planning application and listed the current applications that are in or approved - Wynyard H/2013/0076-14.4.13 – 650 dwellings, primary school, nursery, retail units, doctors surgery and commercial facilities. H/2013/0043-25.01.13- 780 dwellings, 220 dwellings for retirement village, retail facilities north of A689 Wynyard. H/2013/0033-23.01.13 630 dwellings, village hall, local community centre, commercial development 102,000m2 sports facilities, 420 place primary school north of A689 Wynyard. 7/2013/0409/DM 04.11.13 21 dwellings Thurlow Road, Sedgefield.
- Gloria Wills reviewed the Ownership of the Eden Drive Site, and is mainly owned by the Church Commissioners.
- Morton Spalding was given a copy of the 2011 census from Livin. This gave comprehensive information on the makeup of Sedgefield Village and should be of great use when doing comparison of information in the DCC draft plan. A copy of the census was also passed to Louise McAlpine for use of the Community and Environment Group.
- Janet Spalding reviewed the key housing links in the DCC Draft Local Plan. It was obvious that a large amount of statistical information was available but it appeared to contradict some of the proposals for the South Durham Area. This information is in a report by Arc4 County Durham 2013 update- Strategic Housing Market assessment -July 2013 Further review of this document will be required

Meetings with the steering group indicated that the compiling and distribution of a Questionnaire to get the feeling of the residents of Sedgefield and the surrounding parish area will be essential to being able to formulate the policy and direction that the Housing Group input into the Plan for Sedgefield. This is expected to be finalised soon and I consider our efforts are towards a successful completion of that task, after which a meeting would be called to consider the way forward.

Morton Spalding