

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

30th SEPTEMBER, 2009

At a Special meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 30th September, 2009:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor S.C. Hosford) and Councillors C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, L.E. Heath, F.E. Kent-Ledger (Chairman) and M.E. Rennie.

In attendance:

Councillors T. James and R.B. Potter

Messrs. P. James and M. Savage, Duchy of Cornwall

Mr. J. Hoskin, Tenant Farmer

Representatives with concerns regarding countryside access

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors M.A. Allwood, V. Black, T.C.N. Harries, C.M. Hebditch and Trevor Jones.

37. **PLANNING APPLICATION 1/D/2009/1363 – POUNDBURY PHASES 3 AND 4**

The Chairman welcomed representatives from the Duchy of Cornwall who were attending the meeting to discuss with Members Planning Application 1/D/2009/1363, Poundbury Phases 3 and 4, an Outline application to develop land by the erection of 1200 dwellings, a new 450 children primary school, 25000m² of non-residential development and associated roads, drainage and other infrastructure and to make alterations to Monkey's Jump roundabout on the A35.

The Committee asked questions of the Duchy of Cornwall concerning drainage and a Member expressed her concerns regarding the positioning of bus stops within the development and in particular along the Parkway. The Duchy representatives informed the Committee that they were in discussions with the Dorset County Council and they were hopeful that public transport bus stops would be relocated to Peverell Avenue East and West.

In response to a question the Duchy of Cornwall confirmed that it was anticipated that Monkey's Jump roundabout would increase by approximately 50%; discussions were taking place with the Highways Agency who would design the roundabout.

In response to a question the Duchy of Cornwall confirmed that they were still in discussion with the Dorset County Council's Countryside Service concerning the provision of public footpaths within the development. At present there was an underpass to the A37 with another to the A35 used only for agricultural purposes. The Duchy and the tenant farmer would open these up for public use. A Member suggested that all footpaths within Poundbury should become bridlepaths to accommodate cyclists.

Representatives objecting to the footpath proposals proposed within the planning application addressed the Committee.

Following further discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Highways Agency inviting them to attend a further meeting of this Committee to discuss concerns regarding the impact of this development on the A35.
- (2) That the West Dorset District Council be informed that this Council has no objection in principle to the proposal: however, this Council strongly recommends that further detailed discussions take place regarding countryside access.

Chairman