

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

15th July 2020

Mr. Robin Taylor
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Dear Mr. Taylor,

Re: Public Question for consideration at the Full Council Meeting on 22nd July 2020

Yesterday Parish Councillors from Alfold were delighted to be able to participate in a Webinar organised by Waverley Borough Council concerning the principles behind Garden Village development. We were encouraged by hearing that these principles include strong local participation at every stage and want to publicly state Alfold Parish Council's commitment to constructively contribute to the development of Dunsfold Park Garden Village (DPGV), where the majority of future residents will be our parishioners.

At a Parish Council Meeting immediately following the Webinar, we noted with great interest the proposal by Officers for a new public consultation to take place on the revised Masterplan. We are already positively engaging with the developer following their own consultation held in November last year. However, participating in a consultation is leaving things too late. We are left with a serious concern and question for the Borough Council; in the two years since permission was given by the Secretary of State, the local community represented by Alfold Parish Council has not been included in any discussions about the detailed shape and timing of this major development. The provision of infrastructure, for example, will have a major impact on our existing community. Governance, thus far, has been through the Waverley Strategic DPGV Governance Board, the DPGV Advisory Group, a Design Review Panel, and continued meetings of the pre-existing Dunsfold Liaison Group. Local people, and the Parish Council, have had no representation on any of these groups.

Our question is; will the Council now consider it time that local Parish representation is invited as a full participating member into the governance and decision-making process, as co-leaders in developing a positive plan for DPGV, and in accordance with national best practice as set out by the Town and Country Planning Association?

Yours sincerely

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