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Dear Katherine

Wood Barn Cottages - DC/15/5014/PN3

The Parish Council has considered this recent, additional, application in relation to the Wood Barn Cottages site. Please refer to the Council's prior letters on this matter, in particular our recent letter on **DC/15/5105/FUL** dated 14th January and our response to the application to create a new road access, to all of which we have objected.

We would like to make a few general points, and some specific points on this latest application.

1. The Council remains concerned that these applications taken together create an overdevelopment of this rural site.
2. You will be aware that our emerging Neighbourhood Plan will shortly complete its formal public consultation prior to being submitted to SCDC. The Plan fully supports SCDC's policies with regard to developments in the countryside, specifically DM3. We would hope that SCDC will be guided by this policy in considering the site overall.
3. It is wholly misleading to put forward this latest application without reference to **DC/15/5105/FUL**, or indeed the application still under consideration relating to the proposed new road access, since it is necessary to consider them in terms of their overall impact on this site, both from visual, amenity, access, and services standpoints, as well as in relation to SCDC policy and our emerging Plan.
4. There is no reference in this latest application to the recently refused application DC/14/1941/PN3, which was also the subject of a dismissed appeal. Why is this new application any different?
5. In specific relation to 5014:

- The outward appearance proposed is wholly inappropriate to a countryside setting; its position in relation to the remaining barns would make access and visual amenity an issue both for any purchaser and in relation to the remaining barns; the future of those remaining barns is not clear and should be the subject of conditions preventing further development of the site; and there is no attempt to address our prior concerns regarding access, services, and the impact on the residents of Seckford Bungalow.

For these reasons we **strongly object** to this latest application, and moreover would like to arrange a meeting with you to discuss how this site should be dealt with in its wider context, both in relation to all the current applications (including the proposed new access), in the context of our emerging Plan, and in terms of how potential future applications should be dealt with. Our Chairman, Charles Barrington, will contact you to arrange such a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Yours sincerely

Dee Knights
Parish Clerk