**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS ON APPLICATION 34/19/0035 and**

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Staplegrove Parish Council request an extension to the usual timescale of 21 days to make comments in respect of applications 34/19/0035 and /0036.

 Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters following outline application 34/16/0007 for construction of a spine road with associated drainage system and infrastructure on land connecting Staplegrove Road and Kingston/Taunton Road, Taunton. And, for the erection of 173 No. dwellings including affordable housing (use Class C3), northern ecological buffer, temporary vehicular access from Corkscrew Lane, associated section of spine road, public open space and associated drainage,

infrastructure, parking and landscaping for Staplegrove West Phase 1A, located north of Manor Road, Staplegrove

The Parish Council request an extension to the end of January 2020 for the following reason:

These applications are complex as admitted by the developer and there are over 70 documents listed as forming the first application and 145 listed with the second application. The Parish Council want to hold a public meeting to discuss these applications and it will not be possible to secure a suitably-sized venue and have all the appropriate information available for the meeting before the end of the year.

**Information required for the meeting:**

* **A full set of full-sized drawings to be available at the public meeting**

In order that a full and meaningful discussion/debate can take place at a public meeting, we request that the Parish Council are sent a full set of full sized drawings etc. to enable easier study of the small print given on many of the drawings and therefore a request is made to the developer to supply these in the very near future.

* **Promised Response from Redrow on parishioners’ comments**

Many comments have already been sent in by those affected in the parish to the developers following the exhibition held by the developers and no replies or explanations have so far been received. We understand that it is the developers’ intention to prepare a website and to send a newsletter to answer these and hence it is also necessary for this response from the developers to be received before a meeting to consider these matters can be arranged.

Please note that the request for an extension to the end of January 2020 is subject to a public meeting being held by the Parish Council in January at which all the information listed above has been made available.

Finally, Staplegrove Parish Council request that the decision on these applications should be one for the full Planning Committee, not an Officer, and with opportunities to be available for questions to be raised and answered at that meeting of the Planning Committee.