

**Trimley St Martin Parish Council - Informal Notes of the Finance and General Purpose meeting
held on Wednesday 27th February 2008 at the Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman John Barker, Vice-Chairman B. Eve, Councillors Dave Pither, Peter Waller, John Sills, Joe Smith, Keith Slaughter, Carol Garret, Ian Cowan.

Clerk: Mrs Tracey Hunter

Apologies: Councillors Heather Rodwell, Frank Bell, DC Richard Kerry.

Declarations of Interest – Councillor Cowan – Personal Interest – LDF

Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Potential Directions for Strategic Housing Growth

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and form the parish council's response to the above document, currently out for consultation.

The Chairman John Barker firstly set out the rules of the meeting and Vice Chairman Berridge Eve then set out the parish council's current stance and position with regard to housing development, reiterating previous points regarding the council's wish to see small scale affordable housing based on the needs of the village and their opposition to any large scale development that would be detrimental to the rural characteristics of the village and its current restraints of being enclosed by the railway on one side and the A14 on the other and with limited infrastructure to adequately support any large housing development. All councillors agreed with the sentiments of the high level statement as set out by the Vice Chairman.

The Chairman then advised those present that the parish council had put forward three sites; namely the Piggeries, a linear type development along Howlett Way encompassing the old Poultry Farm and a small scale type development on land the other side of the A14, situated between the Trimley School and Roselea Nurseries and bordered by footpaths on the other side. These sites were identified with the needs of the village in mind only, and are sites that were WITHIN 'blobs' Area 1 and Area 2.

Discussion then took place as to the potential for development in each Area, as shown on the diagram contained within the LDF document. Area 2 was considered to be out of the question, since this encompasses a large amount of Greenfield land within the "old village" of Trimley St Martin and fronting onto Trimley High Road, pretty much in line with the submission based on the Trimley Estate Masterplan as put forward by Trinity College. The only consideration to development in this area would be the aforementioned Howlett Way site.

Turning to Area 1, Chairman Barker reiterated that a modest type of development was suggested, as per above, but most certainly NOT to contain the full quota of 1620 houses that SCDC deemed was necessary for the Felixstowe and Trimley area.

Councillor Cowan stated that with the exception of Area 3, he thought all the remaining Areas were capable of taking the full quota of 1620 houses and that the 'blobs' illustrating each area were deliberately misleading and that this amount of houses would be wrong for any part of the peninsula due to the fact that the whole of Felixstowe and Trimley were at the end of a peninsula with just one road to enter and exit which was already at full capacity. With this in mind, he had already queried with SCDC, how they felt the A14 could cope with the extra traffic as a result of the 1620 houses and he was advised that current traffic surveys had not been carried out and would not be done so until the end of the year, later in the LDF process.

Vice Chairman Eve felt that it was not ethical to promote large scale housing development in any of the alternative Areas to those within the parish, since there were no ideal locations for development, since each one would be subject to the same restraints; an already A14 at its

capacity and lack of infrastructure and it was agreed that there was no real justification for large scale development within the constraints of Felixstowe and the Trimleys.

The Clerk was asked to incorporate the above points in a draft response, which would be considered at the next parish council meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.