

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Current issues regarding housing development in and adjacent to the parish are causing much public upset.

The Parish Council is currently having to make comment on the Seagrove Farm application (that it will spread into the “donkey field”?); there is ongoing concern about what is happening at Eddington Road; and the Gibb Well Field proposal has not gone away.

The Parish Council has also concurred with Ryde Town Council in regard to the proposed development of West Acre Farm and there is concern about possible development at Puckpool Hill.

The Parish Council and residents are objecting to all these proposals but there has to be some realism in that the Isle of Wight planning authority is under-delivering on its set housing requirement. Numbers that are set by the Government in its attempt to deliver 300,000 houses per year across the country

We all know that there are reasons why the Island has not achieved its quota and have supported the MP (Bob Seely) in his attempt to plead the Island as a special case and get the annual target reduced.

Without such a reduction the Isle of Wight Council is in a predicament – knowing that refusals are likely to bring about appeals that will succeed because of the poor delivery. This is a problem for all areas of the Island.

In my view therefore the most important issue is to accelerate the support of reduced housing target numbers.

Two years ago, Bob Seely was asking for this and requested the Isle of Wight to support him. How far the Council has gone in preparing a supporting bid is unknown (to us at least) but the IOW Council needs to be “pushed” to get this sorted.

For this reason, I am **proposing** that:

- i) Nettlestone and Seaview Parish Council RESOLVES that it opposes further green field development on the Island, and writes to the Isle of Wight Council asking for a policy to **prevent** greenfield development and as a priority to write to the Government with technical information supporting Bob Seely’s plea for the Isle of Wight to be treated as a special case;

And furthermore

- ii) writes to IWALC and asks for a similar resolution for the Association to urge all member parish and town councils to pass resolutions and write to the Isle of Wight Council in similar terms and expressing this as a matter of urgency.

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