

## Notes from meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November to discuss Butterpark

Present – Cllr Roger Croad; Holloway (Rent plus/Tamar Housing) , Brook Housing reps – Lee Rouse and Michelle Fice, Tom Plant, Dove Project and Cassandra Harrison, SHDC Housing. Lesley Hughes (Town Clerk)

Comments and questions to be answered with assistance from Social care team at DCC but to form the basis of the submission ref Butterpark project.

The focus of the meeting was on the 6 – 1 bed assisted living flats and a 1 x 3 bed house for training and respite care.

It was agreed that the package on offer would separate housing and the care package (something LH had been advised that DCC wanted to see for the future).

Direct payments for the support packages giving residents choice of how/where they spend their money was important. A meeting with DCC commissioning team would help to better understand what the future arrangements could be.

Mears were commissioned by DCC to provide brokerage for the care support packages.

A Learning House – can it be commissioned – how could the rent be funded and operating costs. DCC need to be asked if there are any facilities such as this and how funded. Crisis management and short term respite has to be found – what about planned support with a view to moving to independent living?

Respite accommodation at Dartington but nowhere to move to afterwards – Dove have a respite house in Plymouth.

Could the capital value of the learning house be funded via a discount on the land value so that a rental cost wouldn't need to be found – it could be owned by the Town Council?

### Better Together – what advantages for the Butterpark scheme v now?

- More cost effective use of finance – need less costly support in future – revenue saving
- Parent group – considering buying a house and sorting out costs for adult children – might be an option on the Butterpark site for one of the rent plus houses? Debbie to check if could be done.
- Security of tenure
- Technology – safer/security. Facetime and barcode scanning to reduce direct support.
- Local to town – ideal if mobility issues and not isolated as many are now who live in private rented accommodation at top end of Woodlands ward. Near

bus routes – connectivity. Close to town centre and access to facilities.

Confidence building.

- Learning house – people can see if they can live together in a shared house before committing to a care share arrangement
- Brook Housing – support tenants – housing management support to claim housing benefits and other costs, like for fuel etc.
- Brook Housing referred to discretionary housing benefit – need to have a legal interest in the property, not corporate lets.
- Direct payments are more flexible.
- If the Learning House was owned by Ivybridge Town Council then it could be use on a daily basis or overnight. Booked out – governance/shared use?
- If supported living under £500 pw – 30 hours support – can be signed off locally and outside the framework.
- Cornwall Council – Hendra Park – 14 bed (Havencare) – person outcomes.
- Community engagement – community involved
- A garden/allotment – therapeutic – get people together. Shared by all those on the Butterpark site – natural/community support alongside the paid support
- Training house – use the house for social engagement – some of the local parent support group might be keen to get involved. Maybe host dinner parties with one support worker.
- Learning house – maximum period of stay – 6 months – 2 rooms for this purpose – one for support worker (potentially). One respite/crisis room – possibly on ground floor to avoid conflict with two other residents – possibly a dining room that could become a bedsit space if needed for a crisis, rather than a dedicated ground floor 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom?
- Work/employment possibility – either on site or training – voluntary work – wanting to work – need to have realistic aspirations
- Personalised not residential care
- Has to work for the families – fear for adult children (see att letter of support). Poss unsafe/unhappy if in accommodation in isolated location – emotional well being important. Involve parents in the project
- Properly risk assessed/safe
- Supported living providers aren't always valued by social care commissioners – ditto Brook Housing as a Charity. Helping to transport clients but role not recognised/funded
- Role of Mears as Brokers?
- My Plan support programme – moving away from time and task – phone and facetime included as options for support. 20 hours support based on flexibility and need. Makes the direct payments stretch further.
- Recruitment issues for carers – can be difficult work patterns
- Dove Project provides a hub in Ivybridge.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT – NAMES REMOVED.

31Oct16

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Town Hall,  
Erme Court,  
Leonards Road,  
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**Butterpark Redevelopment – Assisted Living Units**

Dear Town Council,

Following on from the article in The Ivybridge Magazine on the proposed Butterpark redevelopment, we would like to register an interest on behalf of our daughter, in the proposed supported living units for people with moderate learning difficulties.

She is almost 30 years old and has lived in Ivybridge all of her life. She has moderate learning difficulties that mean that living completely independently is not practical; therefore she currently lives at home with us.

She is heavily involved in the Ivybridge community (she helps with two Rainbow units, helps with the crèche at Ivybridge Methodist Church, volunteers at the Donkey Sanctuary two days a week, and works as an Activities Assistant at Dame Hannah Rogers School on Saturday afternoons; she also has a number of family and family friends that she enjoys spending time with who also live in Ivybridge), as such we are keen for her to remain within the community that she has grown up in.

We are also conscious that whilst she lives with us at the moment, this is not a situation that can last for ever, and that she probably needs to make the transition to assisted independent living within the next few years. This is not only important for her own self-esteem, but also to avoid her being “institutionalised” living at home with us.







We would therefore whole-heartedly support the assisted living element of the proposed redevelopment, and ask that our daughter’s name be added to any list that is generated of those interested in living there.

Yours sincerely,

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**MASSING LEGEND**

-  Converted two storey dwellings
-  Converted Apartments
-  New Build Dwellings
-  New Build Apartments
-  Affordable unit / block
-  Assisted living

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOMMODATION**

A-C	12 x 1 Bedroom Flats 6 x 1 Bedroom Flats New Build apartment blocks
D	7 x 3 Bedroom Houses Converted terrace
E	6 x 2 Bedroom Houses New Build Terrace
F	1 x 3 Bedroom House for Training and Respite care
G	4 x 1 Bedroom Assisted Living Flats Converted building
H	2 x 1 Bedroom Assisted Living Flats New Build in lieu of existing garage
Total - 38 Units (24 Flats / 14 houses)	



**PROPOSED SITE PLAN**