

**STATEMENT PREPARED BY HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL  
FOR  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**20/01906/REM Reserved matters application seeking detailed approval for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of outline approval 16/01813/OUT (as varied by 20/01329/VAR) for the erection of up to 140 No. dwellings. Details also provided in respect of public open space, local equipped area of play, refuse collection, biodiversity management, noise mitigation and external lighting.  
Land South Of Stonepath Drive Hatfield Peverel Essex**

Thank you, Madam Chairman, and Members.

As you will have seen from the Parish Council's comments on the planning portal, the Officer's Report and also the Applicant's leaflet submitted to Members last week, the Applicants and their Agent have had ongoing dialogue with the Parish Council on site and via virtual meetings, emails and telephone calls.

The Parish Council welcomes the various revisions made, and on the whole is now agreeable to the application for Reserved Matters having discussed its concerns on various issues with the Applicants, and the same having mostly been addressed by them or reasons given why not.

On reading the Officer's Report, the Parish Council acknowledges the reasons given on specific issues that they have raised and requested including density, permitted development rights and planting by the 2.5 wall on the western boundary.

However, it is disappointing to read on pg 44 that the proposal of planting 3 x Scots Pine to compensate for the loss of Scots Pine (T43) is no longer being considered, and the decision is to plant 1 x Oak and 4 x Maple trees in the hedgerow to the North of the SuDS area. The Parish Council reluctantly agreed to compromise with the loss of this tree with the planting of 3 x Scots Pine in the SuDS area. The Scots Pine is obviously a very different tree to an Oak, and the same visual impact against the setting will not be achieved in the future and also wildlife habitat has been lost. We would urge Members to consider this please.

Also, whilst it is acknowledged that the group of trees G14 along Crabbs Hill are in decline and need to be removed for site access (pg 58), and that the proposed planting on the site mitigates the loss of the trees, the Parish Council is concerned that the rural visual appearance along Crabbs Hill will be lost and would request members to again consider this loss.

With regard to a communal electric charging point referred to in pg 45 of the Officer's Report, may we bring to Members attention that on the Gleneagles Reserved Matters application (approved in February of this year), the developer agreed to provide a communal electric charging point in a visitor area. A communal electric charging point needs to be provided to comply fully with Policy FI2 for this development.

The Parish Council wishes to thank both the Applicants and BDC's Officers for acknowledging the importance of the York Flagstones, and for working with the Parish Council to ensure the same will be re-laid in their original position, and to communicate their origin and historical significance.

Thank you for your time.