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PARISH COUNCIL

November 2020

Dear Resident

MSDC Planning Application 1856/17, Norwich Road/Church Lane, Barham

This is a circular from Barham Parish Council about the major housing development at Church Lane, Barham. As you are probably aware, there has been a planning application submitted on Barham, Church Lane for a large number of houses, which has been reduced to 269. This includes a proposal for a primary school, doctor's surgery and open space, though we have yet to receive confirmation that both the school and the health centre will be delivered. The planning application can be found on the MSDC planning portal under application 1856/17. This application is part of a much larger scheme of circa 700 homes which is being promoted in the emergency Local Plan for the District.

Despite our clear objections to both, the planning application has already been presented to Mid Suffolk Planning Committee with a recommendation for approval. The application referred to a special 'review committee' within the Council with the Planning Committee stated it was 'minded to refuse'. This has not happened yet, but we should not assume the application will automatically be refused, by the Council or indeed an independent Inspector, if the application was appealed.

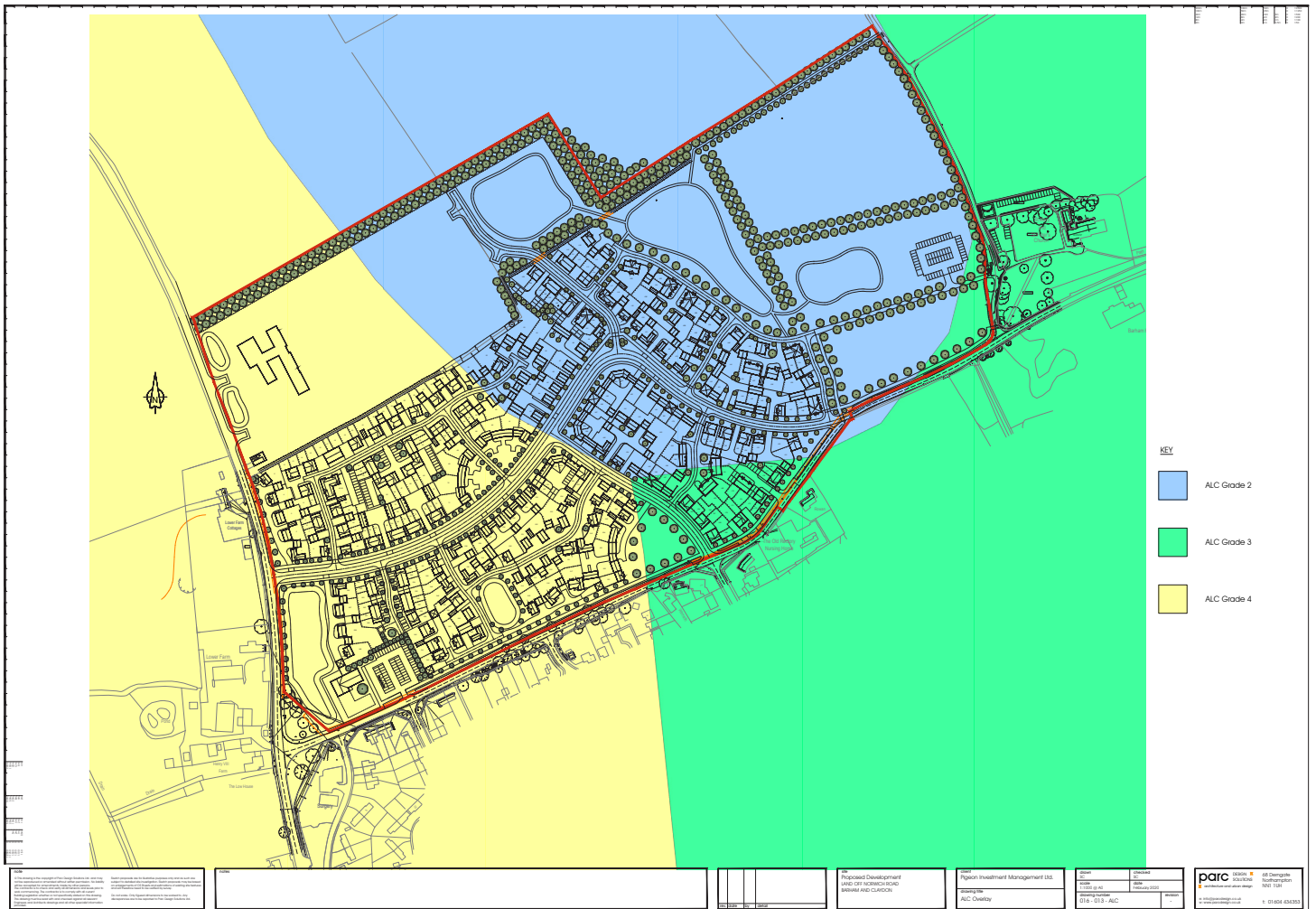
As time has passed since the application was submitted, we wanted to understand what the village thought of the proposals (see attached plan). We also wanted to send a clear message to those who make the decision that new housing cannot be added on to the village without any new services and facilities. We want to understand what services and facilities you think we lack and would be needed before developers are handed permission in the face of opposition from the village.

We ask that you kindly complete the questions attached.



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1. Do you support this Planning Application? *Please tick*

YES / NO / DON'T KNOW

2. If NO, what are your main concerns? *Please tick*

- Traffic
- Loss of rural character
- Poor design
- That the promised facilities will not be delivered
- Lack of services and facilities to support the new houses
- Other – please specify

3. Other than a school or new doctor's surgery, what other services or facilities do you think the village needs? *Please tick*

- A new village green
- Community hall
- Sports hall
- Café
- Shops
- Gym
- Nursery
- Office/workspace
- Workshops for new businesses/artists
- Other (please specify)



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4. Taking the list of facilities and services in Q3, can you rank the list of importance, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest:
- A new village green
 - Community hall
 - Sports hall
 - Café
 - Shops
 - Gym
 - Nursery
 - Office/workspace
 - Workshops for new businesses/artists
 - Other (please specify)
5. Please rank the following in order of yours preference, with 1 being the highest and 4 being your lowest preference:
- The proposals are approved as quickly as possible to deliver the much needed housing
 - The proposals are approved but only if the school and surgery are to be provided
 - The proposals are approved but only if in addition to the school the doctor's surgery, more new facilities and services are provided.
 - All proposed housing is rejected.

Once you have completed the questionnaire, please return by 15th November 2020, either by email to the Clerk at barhampc@outlook.com or if you do not have email please ring the Parish Council on 01473 830891 / 07836263613 and we will arrange collection.

Barham Parish Council would like to thank you for your time, we really do appreciate your input.