
From: Jim Bunce
Sent: 05 April 2021 23:32
To: Ian Kilby
Subject: Springbank Farm Planning Application

Dear Mr Kilby,

I refer to my brief note of 30 March where I outlined that Mr West, the Springbank Farm applicant, had invited myself and my colleague Andy Munro to meet him.

That meeting took place on 31 March. As a result of our meeting I would be obliged, if appropriate, you would arrange for this note to be placed on the planning portal, for public perusal, re 3 points of detail in my note to Mr Begley of 28 February.

1. We quote the view of a Southern Planning Committee member that any houses built at Springbank Farm would be “£750,000 houses”. However, while the Springbank Farm proposal is solely for open market homes, we are happy to make clear that Mr West considers this figure an exaggeration, given the type of development he envisages, should planning permission be granted.
2. Councillor Evans read a statement in support of the Springbank Farm development at the Southern Planning Committee Meeting and then recused himself from the rest of the discussion and the vote because of a stated ‘pecuniary’ interest. We have been puzzled by this ‘pecuniary’ interest, which we took to be a financial one. However, we are happy to accept Mr West’s assurance that Councillor Evans has no financial interest in Springbank Farm or the proposed development.
3. Mr West explained that the planning change that occurred in January 2021 was to replace the house on Plot No.6 with a surface water SUDS pond. Again, we are happy to make that clear.

While Mr Munro and myself outlined our process/data/precedent/non adherence to policy etc concerns regarding the Springbank Farm proposals to Mr West, these did not form the substantive part of our discussions. As such, we await your reply to my note to Mr Begley of 28 February. Community Groups in Church Stretton are also drafting input to inform the upcoming Southern Planning Committee of our continued concerns.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could arrange to have this note uploaded, if appropriate, to the planning portal, to enable public perusal. For the avoidance of doubt, this note does not require a reply from you.

Thank you.

Regards,

Jim Bunce
On behalf of the Save Snatchfield Group and All Stretton Village Society