

Minsterworth Affordable Housing Meeting
7.00pm Wednesday 21st May 2014
Minsterworth Village Hall

1. Attending

Richard Fellows and David Wint - Quattro Design (architects, on behalf of Rooftop Housing Group)

Erin Davies - Tewkesbury Borough Council

Martin Hutchings – Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

The land owner

Representatives of the Parish Council.

Apologies – David Hannon, Development Director - Rooftop Housing Group

2. Quattro Design submitted suggestions for possible layouts of the affordable housing development, but none were considered ideal, the main reasons being:

- It was requested that the overflow car park remained largely intact
- The gardens of the proposed houses were unnecessarily big
- The play area was perhaps not necessary, especially with the close proximity of the village hall playing fields

3. Points discussed

- Ideally houses needed to be kept back from the road (ref noise)
- Probably best for them to face May Hill direction, to maximise the views
- The central 'Village Green' effect may not be necessary as there is plenty of adjacent green space, and anyway a central roundabout takes up a lot of space and road area. There may be other risks if the area of open space was too large
- In curtilage parking (= adjacent to houses) might be better
- A path on the inside of the hedge and connecting to the existing footpath to cross to the school was a good idea
- A 'ransom strip' needed to be included

4. Action

- Land sale was a private matter to be discussed by Rooftop Housing Group and the land owner
- Quattro would take the suggestions on board and draw up new plans to be presented in mid-June (approx. 18th or 19th, date to be confirmed)
- The Community Open Evening would now have to be put back until August or September to make absolutely sure that there was sufficient time to inform all parishioners about the meeting via the Villager etc. thus avoiding the risk of anyone not having the chance to comment