

P25-055 PLANNING DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

To receive an update from the working group, including

- (a) To hear a proposal from Dr Al Pinkerton MP in relation to the resident's consultation

Please see below for my letter to Dr Al Pinkerton MP and the response received from his office, in relation to our consultation with residents in regard to the Taylor Wimpey Development and other planning matters.

Dear Amanda,

I am writing on behalf of Dr Al Pinkerton MP to thank you for your comprehensive email on behalf of Normandy Parish Council, and for the thoughtful consideration given to our joint consultation proposals.

We fully appreciate the Parish Council's position to remain apolitical, and it was never our intention to place you or the Council in a difficult position. It is essential that the voices of Normandy residents are heard and effectively amplified to the relevant stakeholders.

To support this aim, our office would like to propose promoting the public consultation/survey through an MP street letter. This would demonstrate our commitment to Normandy residents, acknowledge the challenge of consultation fatigue, and help maximise participation in your consultation.

In the letter, we would clearly affirm our support for the independence of Normandy Parish Council and explain that anonymised data will be shared with the Member of Parliament to enable informed representations to relevant stakeholders.

We hope this approach will be both helpful and respectful of the Parish Council's position, while also supporting the broader goal of meaningful public engagement and signposting Al's commitment to Normandy residents as their MP.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Harry



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Dear Al

Thank you for your continued support and the guidance provided by you and your team in regard to the forthcoming public consultation on the proposed housing development in Normandy. As a parish council, we recognise the value of working collaboratively with our MP in a way that is open, apolitical, and respectful of both legal and ethical considerations. Our shared objective is to ensure that the voice of the community remains central and that the ownership of any messaging is clear and transparent.

However, after careful consideration, councillors have expressed concerns that delivering the consultation jointly may inadvertently lead to the perception that the parish council is acting politically or with bias, even though our intention is always to remain neutral. Maintaining our independence and representing all residents—regardless of political background—is a priority. We therefore propose to conduct the consultation independently, emphasising transparency, accountability, and neutrality in our approach.

We also wish to minimise consultation fatigue for our residents and ensure they are not required to participate in multiple overlapping consultations on this matter. To that end, we remain wholly committed to information sharing with you and your team, and will happily provide the analysis of consultation responses once completed, so that everyone's time and input is respected and used as effectively as possible.

We look forward to continuing a constructive and collaborative relationship, and thank you again for your understanding and ongoing support of the Normandy community.

Kind regards,
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Matters for consideration:

Does the committee agree with the proposed approach by our MP?