

Persimmon Homes Planning Application

You may remember that last year Persimmon Homes delivered a Flyer around the Village consulting on a Proposal to build 69 Dwellings on Land (outlined in red) to the west of the Home & Communities Agency (HCA) “Eldon Whins” Site (outlined in blue). Now that the HCA have been granted Outline Planning Permission for 240 Houses on their “Eldon Whins” Site, Persimmon have submitted their Proposal as a Full Planning Application.



The strip of Land on which Persimmon intend to build Houses is included in the “Eldon Whins” Site scheduled for Development in the master “Local Plan”. Unfortunately, this means that Planning Permission for Persimmon to build on this strip of Land will almost certainly be granted.

HOWEVER, their proposed Access Road and Roundabout, and part of their Sustainable Urban Drainage System, encroach into Land which the master “Local Plan” defines as “Green Wedge”, where “Proposals for Built Development will normally be refused”. You will note that it would be quite feasible to site the Access Road and Roundabout within the strip of Land already scheduled for Development, but Persimmon have not chosen to do this. Alternatively, a link to the adjacent HCA Site, eliminating the need for a new Roundabout, would also seem to make sense.



The Parish Council understand that Persimmon have an Option to Purchase the rest of the Field to the west of their current Proposal (see above), most of which is also “Green Wedge”. It appears that Persimmon have **DELIBERATELY** sited the Access Road and Roundabout in the “Green Wedge”, with a view to establishing the Principle that development in this “Green Wedge” should be permitted. Once this Principle is established, it is likely that Persimmon will eventually submit a further Planning Application to build even more Houses in the rest of the Field. Consequently the Parish Council consider it important that as many Residents as possible should object to this attempt to encroach into the “Green Wedge”.

Anyone wishing to make such an Objection, and any other Comments and/or Objections, can do so as follows:-

1. Go online to the Durham County Council Planning System at <https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>, and enter the Reference DM/17/01436/FPA. Full details of the proposed Development are available. To make a Comment (Objection), you will have to Register if you have not already done so.
2. By post, quoting Reference DM/17/01436/FPA, to:-

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If you need any further information or help, please do not hesitate to contact a Parish Councillor or Alan Jordan, the Clerk to the Council, on (01325) 315639, or Email: