



## MELKSHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Open Letter to Developers and Agents at Pre-application Discussion Stage**

Melksham Without Parish Council are aware that Wiltshire Council as the Local Planning Authority are unable to let parish and town councils know when they are undertaking pre-application discussions with developers and land agents under data protection legislation. However, the Parish Council are extremely keen to meet with developers at this early pre-application stage to discuss the needs and requirements of their community and how any potential future development could address these.

Over recent years there has been significant development in the parish, which has not only resulted in many large public meetings to discuss planning applications, but also a considerable amount of feedback from both existing residents and the residents occupying properties on these new developments. Additionally, the Parish Council are in the process of developing a joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan with Melksham Town Council, which is now gathering pace. Part of the evidence gathering process for the plan has involved much public engagement and consultation and thus the Parish Council feels that it is well placed to articulate the needs of the community with regard to any potential future development. The Parish Council are also party to several recent s106 agreements as have an interest in the community buildings and have a policy to adopt any equipped play areas in new developments in their parish.

The Parish Council would welcome discussion at pre-application stage and would ask that Wiltshire Council please inform potential developers and land agents when at pre-app stage to contact the Clerk, Mrs. Teresa Strange, at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

  
Teresa Strange  
Clerk

Copy to: Cllr Roy While, Melksham Without South  
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