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Minutes of the **Environment and Planning Committee** held on 7th July 2014 at 8.35pm following the full council meeting in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs M Wilson, Holmes, Benneyworth, Brookman, Harding, Thompson and Farrell

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Podger, Crane, Leach, Whiting
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2014.** Cllr Harding proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Thompson, one abstention, rest in favour.

4. Planning Applications:-

(a) 14/01171/FULD

Sovereign Housing Association

North View Heights

Demolition of existing building and construction of 9 new dwellings

Standing orders were suspended for Stuart Roberts, Sovereign Housing to speak. The former residents have been relocated to Lindley Lodge and Redwood House, re-providing affordable housing. The existing 27 apartments will be demolished and replaced by 9 new dwellings including 2 x 1 bed apartment and 2 and 3 bed apartments. The requirements are for 3 to be affordable, but Sovereign are making all 6 affordable. 5 will be shared ownership with purchasers paying 40% based on open market price and 4 rented. The parking provided meets with WBC requirement and the turning point is an adoptable road and will stay open. The consultation event was well supported. Construction traffic will be managed through a traffic management plan with school hours being avoided. There will be very little changes to the area outside the site. Q. Is the road suitable for construction traffic? A. Highways will consider size of lorries. Q. What will be the style of bricks? A. blue bricks. Cllr Brookman would prefer to see bricks that WBC has requested. No proposals have been put forward for improvements to the bank at the junction. The allocation process for shared ownership requires applicants to register with WBC and this is not limited to Hungerford residents. Properties are advertised 6 months before home ownerships are available. SR will drop Town Clerk an email on size of properties under shared ownership. Q. Could it be open to Hungerford residents first? A. WBC would have to agree to that lettings policy. Clerk to pursue with WBC. SR thinks Sovereign would be agreeable if WBC were. A vote of thanks was proposed. Standing orders were reinstated.

Cllr Brookman proposed **support** providing that the exit onto Fairview Road is improved, seconded by Cllr Thompson as long as strength of the road will take HGV and not damage pipework, all in favour.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm