

**WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**28 APRIL 2021**  
**UPDATE REPORT**

**Item No:** (3)      **Application No:** 20/00912/FULEXT      **Page No.** 77-158

**Site:** Land at End Of, Charlotte Close, Hermitage

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**Planning Officer Presenting:** Masie Masiwa

**Member Presenting:** N/A

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**Written submissions**

**Parish Council:** N/A

**Objector(s):** N/A

**Supporter(s):** N/A

**Applicant/Agent:** Cala Homes – Simon Joyce

**Ward Member(s) speaking:** Hilary Cole  
Garth Simpson

**1. Additional Consultation Responses**

No additional consultation responses have been received, however a letter was forwarded by Hermitage Parish Council to be brought to the attention of the Committee. This is attached below and raises concerns in respect of play areas.

**2. Paragraph 6.41 (On-site amenity and facilities for future occupiers)**

The sentence at paragraph 6.41 erroneously refers to eleven plots, instead of the sixteen plots processed. The sentence should state:

The sixteen plots will all have garden areas of more than sufficient size to deliver the required number of dwellings to comply with the guidance within the SPDQD.

### 3. Letter submitted by Hermitage Parish Council

## **HERMITAGE PARISH COUNCIL.**

Chairman. Ms R. Cottingham.

Mr Gary Lugg  
Head of Planning and Countryside  
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3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

Dear Mr Lugg

#### **Re: Open spaces in new housing developments in Hermitage**

The parish council is anxious to ensure that new housing developments include play areas close to homes. It is most disappointed that the application by CALA Homes does not include a play area despite this being an expressed wish of the community and of the parish council.

The playground at Hermitage Green is the nearest open space to the site off Charlotte Close which means young children would have to cross the road to reach it. A play area near their own homes, where they could more easily be monitored by their parents, would be much safer for them.

Hermitage Parish Council requests that all new developments in the village include recreational space and that they are all devolved to the council, along with any commuted sums. It currently owns and looks after three small open spaces plus two playgrounds and has a track record of nearly 50 years with Pinewood Park. At the moment Hermitage is not well served by open spaces.

Our current Parish Plan has an aspiration to update the village design statement to reflect the views of residents expressed in the survey. This includes locating play areas in new developments in a central position.

We hope this explains our position on the need for open space and helps with your deliberations over this and any future proposed new housing developments.

Yours sincerely,

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#### **4. Update Information**

The recommendation remains as set out in the agenda committee report.