

# YOU SAID.... WE DID....

How we've responded to your suggestions from previous consultations.

## WHAT WE SAID WE WANTED, AND YOU AGREED

- Use local natural materials where possible, and minimising carbon use in the build
- Maximising passive solar gain
- Food production on site to contribute to food security for the community
- Permaculture in the widest sense
- Good pedestrian and cycle access
- Easy access from Dartington & Totnes (hence choosing Clay Park and not Pond Field which people had concerns about)

## WHAT YOU SAID YOU WANTED AND WE ARE INCLUDING

- Allocating homes as soon as possible so residents can be involved
- Maintaining a long term role in supporting the community
- Considering impact on neighbours' views of the site e.g. with screening.
- Clarity about potential for wood to be used for cooking
- Houses light enough with enough space to live well
- Site the pond in the wet area and surround by smaller & orchard trees
- Each house should have small south facing private garden
- Pets allowed (within reason and without disturbance to others)
- Higher density housing on just part of the site (remainder for horticulture use)
- Drainage system including attenuation ponds for good management of rainwater run off
- A viable footpath through the site
- Homes for young people
- Bath as well as shower
- Sound proofing
- Car parking and car free areas
- Involve people in a range of ways
- Village green to play games for all ages

## WHAT YOU SAID THAT WE DEALING WITH DIFFERENTLY

- Small bio-gas system for all organic waste  
*The houses will have compost loos and there will be on site composting for all organic waste*
- Candle power for heating  
*Maximising insulation and a district biomass boiler/solar thermal for heating and hot water based on professional advice*
- Work with TRESOC on renewable energy provision.  
*We've developed the renewable energy strategy with the help of a grant and professional advice, and will be setting up a company to manage it*
- Septic tanks rather than reed beds  
*Drainage system redesigned to have most of the water treatment underground*

## WHAT THE PLANNERS REQUIRE

- The houses sited lower down than we or the neighbours would have chosen
- Community building at the entrance to the site to fit with the street scene
- Environment Agency approval to the proposed water treatment system (still awaited)

## WHAT WE EITHER CANNOT FIT IN OR AFFORD AT THE MOMENT

- Natural swimming pool
- Communal sauna/ bath house (wood fired)
- Play area like the one at Leechwell Gardens (*we will have some natural play equipment*)
- Bicycle access to Sawpit Lane
- Feng shui the buildings