

THAMES FARM - LATEST.

As the referendum on the JHHNP approaches in March, the Thames Farm applicant has distributed a promotional leaflet, to Henley and Harpsden households, publicising revised plans for the Thames Farm site 'following consultations with SODC'. Some residents of Shiplake have apparently also seen it.

Having had sight of it, the parish council's Planning Working Group finds the proposals, and the claims made for them in the leaflet, - misleading:

-it gives the impression that SODC have in some way endorsed these plans. We understand from SODC that whilst they have a responsibility to respond to pre-application inquiries, what is implied is absolutely not the case; we have asked SODC to make this abundantly clear and issue a statement rebutting this claim.

-during the development of the JHHNP, the Thames Farm site was reviewed along with all the other sites as part of the neighbourhood plan process. It was rejected as unsuitable by the working group, in failing to meet the key criteria agreed and set by a process of consultation. We understand that leading parties to the JHHNP will remind people of this and make the position clear.

-the plans themselves are basically still for around 100 houses and appear to be much the same as the previous application which was **opposed by Shiplake and Harpsden parish councils, refused by SODC, dismissed by the Planning Inspector at public inquiry** and is currently subject to yet further appeal.

Whilst seeking more specific details, the position of Shiplake Parish Council is unaltered and remains opposed to the proposed development. No doubt there will be comment in this week's copy of The Henley Standard. A copy of the leaflet is attached for information and we shall update residents further in due course.

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