



Wick and Abson Parish Council

Dear Mr Conroy,

Thank you for your attendance at the meeting on the 8th July attended by Sue Jones, Chair of Wick & Abson Parish Council. The meeting was very useful and highlighted and answered a number of points that are of concern to the parish council. It also clarified the potential misconception regarding the number of "new homes" the parish considered a suitable upper limit.

In our May letter of in response to the questionnaire Policies Sites and Places Plan we felt we were forced into indicating 10-50 new properties. The number agreed at the parish council meeting was 25. We would ask that this is reflected in the document presented for consultation. It currently states ".between 10 to 50 dwellings" This should be changed to "... a maximum of 25 dwellings"

The meeting spent most of its time briefing those present on the proposals for Wick Quarry. We would like the importance and future of Wick Quarry to be reflected in the Policies Sites & Places DPD and would ask that the following paragraph be included under Proposed Community Aspirations:

"The Parish Council would welcome and engage with any restoration of the Wick Quarry into a sustainable concern. The Parish Council sees that a planning led approach using a consultative process would lead to the best outcome for the community, for the wildlife habitats and the owner.

The Parish Council recognises that the quarry site offers opportunities for employment, academic research and educational leisure activities.

The quarry owner has engaged with a wide variety of organisations, ranging from academic institutions such as UWE, learned societies such as Bat Conservation Society and the RSPB."

We sent SGC a letter confirming our support for the quarry owners proposals on 12th March 2014. This letter does not seem to have reached your department. I enclose another copy.

Kind regards

Joanne Bray-Warner
Parish Clerk on Behalf of Wick and Abson Parish Council