**Land South of Roughmoor Lane-Public Consultation**

**1)Biodiversity**

National Model Design Code-Part 2 guidance Notes- published by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government in June 2021states that “development will be expected to produce a +10% increase in biodiversity”, and “a baseline assessment needs to be undertaken prior to development using the Natural England Biodiversity Metric 3.0 to measure the existing value of the site. The proposed post-development design will similarly be assessed to show a minimum 10% improvement”

Question - What percentage improvement will the proposed development deliver?

**2) Trees**

a) Will community involvement via the Westbury Community Tree Group be sought so that new plantings are appropriate for the circumstances and situation?

b) The proposed plan shows the trees on the western boundary as “existing trees/hedgerow maintained”. These trees are growing outside of the proposed site boundary so do they count as a biodiversity asset in the calculation at 1) above?

**3) Hedges**

The plan shows that the existing hedge running parallel to Roughmoor Lane is to be retained and enhanced as a bat corridor.

A good hedge for bats is one that is untrimmed, has tall mature trees and a diverse shrub layer.

The proposal has no hedge line trees and the hedge itself will be subject to annual cutting to allow traffic to pass safely along Roughmoor Lane.

What “enhancements” in the opinion of your ecological consultant will be required to provide a suitable bat corridor?

**Nest Boxes**

Are Swift boxes/bricks (say 20) and nest sites for hirundines included in the plans?

**Maintenance**

Is there a plan for the initial maintenance and long-term management of all landscape proposals?

**Electric Charging Points.**

Will charging points be provided in the communal parking areas?

**Land to the South of the Proposed Development.**

Will this be retained by the Church Commissioners and what will it be used for in the short, medium and long term?