# Roughmoor Lane developments. Preparing a village response.

A village meeting, called by the Roughmoor Community Group with the support of the parish council was held on Sunday 6th February. It was agreed to carry out a village survey and set up a number of working groups to prepare a well-informed response to the church commissioners at the meeting now planned for 9th March. This work will also help the village prepare a formal response to any subsequent application for outline planning permission.

It is hoped that as many villagers as possible can contribute to preparing a response which reflects the concerns of the whole community. **This message sets out how information about the process will be communicated and how you can get involved**.

1. This message is being sent to all addresses in the village by our ‘Eyes and Ears’ network. Most people will receive it by email. Our local contacts will arrange paper copies for those not on email. A link to a village survey is also being circulated by this route.
2. The meeting agreed to set up a steering committee to oversee the process of preparing a response with representatives from the parish council, the Roughmoor Community Group and the wider village.
3. The meeting agreed to set up the following working groups to research various aspects of the proposals. Anyone wishing to contribute to the work of a group should contact the convenor of that group directly.

In order to give time for the steering group to review and integrate comments in a final briefing document by March 4th each group needs to produce a report by 27th February

* + 1. Positive vision Convenor Tony Wescott

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The aim of this group is to seek to engage the church commissioners in discussions about how they might work with the village to produce an exemplary development across their whole site.

* + 1. Traffic & Parking. Convenor Gill Cook Email [gilltcook@gmail.com](mailto:gilltcook@gmail.com) 07870 350463

This group seeks to provide detailed information on traffic problems on the A371, the Roughmoor Lane junction and throughout the village and the need for a safe crossing. There is an urgent need for volunteers to help conduct traffic surveys.

* + 1. Housing, Types & Layout Convenor Chris Langdon. Email [chrislangdon@btinternet.com](mailto:chrislangdon@btinternet.com); 07771 791736

Suggested meeting dates for this working group are Monday 14th Feb; Thurs 17th Feb; Wed 23rd Feb.  7-9 pm

This group will focus on the number of houses (seeking 40 maximum) & the mix of types & ownership. It will consider the layout including access and the location of community space

1. Infrastructure Impact Convenor Adam Euripidou email sodama@hotmail.co.uk 07862 731968

This group will gather evidence about the impact of a development on the scale proposed on community services such as health and education

1. Ecology and wildlife Convenor Simon Reece

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While bat corridors are mentioned by the developers there is a need to ensure that what is provided is adequate and that all other wildlife impacts are considered and wherever possible mitigated

1. Visual Impact Convenor (a convenor is still needed but Ellie Mains has agreed to help organise an initial meeting where photographic evidence can be shared) Email [eleanorsophiemains@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorsophiemains@gmail.com) 07807 902612

This group will consider the visual impact of the development , including the impact on the AONB and from various points around the village. It will gather photographic evidence of good and bad quality design

1. Phosphates & water Convenor David Chilton email [davechilton@me.com](mailto:davechilton@me.com) 07546 207216

This group will look at how issues around water quality and drainage are, and should be, managed across the site

1. Anyone wishing to raise questions, make comments or share ideas with others can do so through the WhatsApp group set up for this purpose. To be added to the group please contact Mick Fletcher [mick@mickfletcher.org.uk](mailto:mick@mickfletcher.org.uk) or Liz Hughes [Lizrhughes@gmail.com](mailto:Lizrhughes@gmail.com)
2. A copy of the full response to the church commissioners’ proposals will be agreed by the steering group and circulated to the whole village by the Eyes and Ears network on 4th March for further comment and possible amendment. A meeting will be held in the village hall to consider it on Sunday 6th March.
3. The parish council, as a statutory consultee, should not form a view about a planning proposal until a formal application has been received. The response from the community will be updated in the light of the actual proposal whenever it is received, and be available to inform the council of the views of villagers.