

Chairman of Parish Council  
Marshfield Parish Council  
41 High Street  
Marshfield  
SN14 8LR

15th September 2015

Dear Chairman

### FIRST STEP HOMES - MARSHFIELD

You will be aware that for several years now, First Step Homes has been exploring the feasibility of delivering an affordable housing scheme in Marshfield.

As part of the process, we undertook a Housing Needs Survey, which identified a need for 37 affordable units. Furthermore, the feedback from our own open day, held in June, produced the following substantiating information:

#### **DO YOU SUPPORT THE IDEA OF PROVIDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS OF THE MARSHFIELD PARISH WITHIN THE VILLAGE?**

*(Key issues are definition of 'affordable' and 'The Village')*

Yes: 68  
No: 25  
Unsure: 7

#### **DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD BE A GOOD SITE FOR NEW HOMES?**

*(Key issues are less market housing and design)*

Yes: 38  
No: 57  
Unsure: 5

The obvious conclusion from this is that whereas there is an existing urgent demand for affordable housing, and this is only likely to get worse, the site we were proposing is not necessarily the most suitable location.

With this in mind and with due respect to the community and Parish Council, we feel it most appropriate to withdraw the current scheme on this site to allow the community the opportunity to undertake their own research.

In view of the above, First Step Homes requests that Marshfield Parish Council withdraws any item concerning its activities in the village from the agenda for Tuesday's (15th September) meeting and notes that representatives from First Step Homes will not be attending the meeting. I should be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.



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