

PRESS RELEASE

Alphington holds public meeting to display plans for new homes

The outline plans for the 350 new houses to be built in Alphington village have at last been submitted to Exeter City Council by NPS South West, the Devon County Council agent for the landowners, who are Devon County Council, St Bridget's Nursery and Loram Trustees.

"The Alphington Village Forum committee inspected these plans at our meeting on Monday and were not impressed, as they show so little detail of interest to local residents", said Chairman Juliet Meadowcroft. "Despite that, we are keen to display them at a public meeting, as our Forum members have been waiting a long time for them. We are therefore holding an Open Meeting in the village hall on Friday, 17 July, between 3pm and 8pm, in order to display both the Exeter City Council plans and the Teignbridge District Council ones already submitted by the developers, Bovis and Westcountry Land."

"These three lots of outline plans are for approx 1,350 new houses that will completely cover the lovely arable fields between Alphington and the A379, but without any new infrastructure or facilities of any kind. The occupants of these homes, including approx 350 primary schoolchildren, will have to walk some distance and across a new bridge over the four-lane A379 in order to get to the planned local centre, comprising the school, surgery, sports centre and shops. In bad weather, we are sure they will go by car and block up the roads even more than they are at present and the A379 will become a bottle neck."

Apart from reports on various topics such as ecology, archaeology, landscape, flooding etc, the item of main interest in the Alphington plans are the roads traversing the two developments each side of Chudleigh Road, called Aldens Farm East and Aldens Farm West. They both have access onto Chudleigh Road, the one on the east side joining up with the old Dawlish Road and the one on the west side with Shillingford Road. The more detailed plans showing exactly where the houses are going to be built, the size, design and the density will only be available once the developers have bought the land from Devon County Council and the other two much smaller landowners.

Forum committee members will be in attendance at the public meeting to help you with any queries and encourage you to send your comments to Paul Jeffery at Exeter City Council, where the plans are also on view. For further details, please see www.alphingtonforum.co.uk

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For reference, the application numbers are:

15/0640/01 – Alden Farm East, Land between Chudleigh Road and Dawlish Rd

15/0641/01 – Alden Farm West, Land between Shillingford Road and Chudleigh Road.

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