

## HOOK NORTON



## COMMUNITY HOUSING PROJECT

Following on from the recent meeting with the community, Charlie Luxton Design have produced three exciting community housing proposals that take into account the needs, choices and ideas expressed at the vision and design workshop in September. They have come up with an ingenious and versatile scheme that can change and adapt as people's circumstances change over the years, providing a vision of a different, more sustainable way of living.

The project has suddenly bounced into reality and HNLC will be holding an Open meeting in late February or early March where Charlie Luxton Design will show and talk through their exciting ideas and plans. Come and see for yourselves, it should be an interesting and inspiring evening that will spark lots of debate

Listening to the community has been a vital part of the whole process with high density emerging as an important preference that everyone shared, which means as many people as possible will be able to benefit from the project. There are lots of imaginative possibilities for the communal aspects of the project that will encourage opportunities for social contact. Wildlife - friendly landscaped areas containing shared orchards and growing spaces have been designed to enhance neighbourliness and provide a new green space for the whole community.

The Feasibility Study has now been completed, providing a detailed and clear understanding of the build costs involved. It also highlights that the ultimate cost of the project will depend on the price and terms of the transfer of the land from Cherwell District Council to a newly formed Community Land Trust. We are currently working closely with their Housing Strategy team to compile a report showing the positive social impact that the

scheme will have on the local community. It will form an important part of the decision making process when the senior executives of the council meet in early April to determine the purchase price of the site and hopefully reach agreement with the Community Land Trust on the terms of the land transfer.

We will be in touch with those already interested in the homes and HNLC wider membership by email when we have finalised a date for the meeting and the details will also be on the village Face Book page and look out for posters in the shop soon.

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