

Hook Norton Community Land Trust



Planning Application considered at May Meeting

The planning application for the community housing project is to be submitted at the council planning meeting at the end of May and we can expect to hear the results shortly after, which we will share with the community when our new website is completed.

We are in the process of working out the details of the Allocations Policy with Cherwell District Council's Housing Strategy Team to ensure the homes are allocated fairly and transparently and in accordance with the local connection criteria.

The final design consisted of 12 homes made up of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms arranged around a landscaped village green with shared growing areas. The community building with shared amenities also opens onto the green area and will most likely contain a community run café, workshop space for hire and 2 guest bedrooms that visitors can book to stay over.

The homes are designed to adapt to climate change by including renewable energy sources in the structure. The Low Carbon Hub in Oxford are designing a micro grid and working on options to store the energy generated by the solar panels on the roof of each home and the roof of the nearby Sports & Social Club.

Everything has slowed down due to the effects of the pandemic we find ourselves in which has at times been overwhelming. The situation will leave a profound effect on all of us and has shown just how easily things can change. It's also shown how resourceful solutions can be found when the Hook Norton community pulls together to help each other and we hope that some of that shared spirit will continue in the housing project which has been designed to encourage much needed community well-being and neighbourliness.



Artist's impression of interior of the Community Building, Hook Norton Community Housing Project by Charlie Luxton Design.

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