



Concept sketch by Charlie Luxton Design.

## Hook Norton Community Housing Project Fantastic News – August / September 2019

We are delighted to announce that the Community Housing Project has successfully reached its next milestone. The Executive Group on Cherwell District Council have met and formally approved the transfer of ownership of the land for the site to the newly formed Hook Norton Community Land Trust, subject to us obtaining planning permission and demonstrating financial viability of the project. We would like to thank the council for showing consistent faith in the project and being open and receptive to the benefits of community led housing and particularly the affordable and sustainable aspects that make our project distinctive.

The details of the transfer are still being finalised but they are within a scope that will enable the project to go ahead. The Hook Norton Community Land Trust, which is the legal body that will take the project forward to completion, is now registered and set up and we will soon be seeking other board members to contribute ideas and help in the running and decision making to propel this exciting project to fruition. We are particularly interested in anyone who might have experience in community housing or housing development so if you are passionate about the Hook Norton Community Housing project and can spare some time to attend monthly meetings please let me know and we can arrange an informal meeting.

The next step is for the Architectural Design team at Charlie Luxton Design to put together a pre-planning application in order to solve any major issues prior to submitting a full planning application early in the new year. Charlie Luxton Design have produced concept drawings based on the conclusions from previous community consultation meetings and the results have

been exhibited at several recent events and always stimulate discussion and curiosity.

Given that the design of the homes will be shaped by the needs of the community we hope that the next round of community engagement and consultation will take place in early Autumn and I anticipate a palpable air of excitement as the project comes a step closer to fulfilment. We will be launching a Community Share Offer later in the year and will be in touch with more information about that nearer the time.

Hook Norton Community Housing Project has grown from the grass roots up and now that everything is poised for the next stage it will be the energy and commitment demonstrated by the community that will keep the project developing.

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