

WINTER 2007 NEWSLETTER

AN UPDATE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
HANLEY CASTLE AND HANLEY SWAN

Affordable Housing

The plans for a development of affordable housing in Hanley Swan are taking shape following the public consultation event held at Hanley Swan Village Hall in September 2007.

West Mercia Housing Group have applied to the Housing Corporation for the necessary funding and are progressing the purchase of the field next to St Gabriel's School, the preferred site for the development following the consultation. The plans provide for 14 units with a mix of properties for rent and for shared ownership as follows:

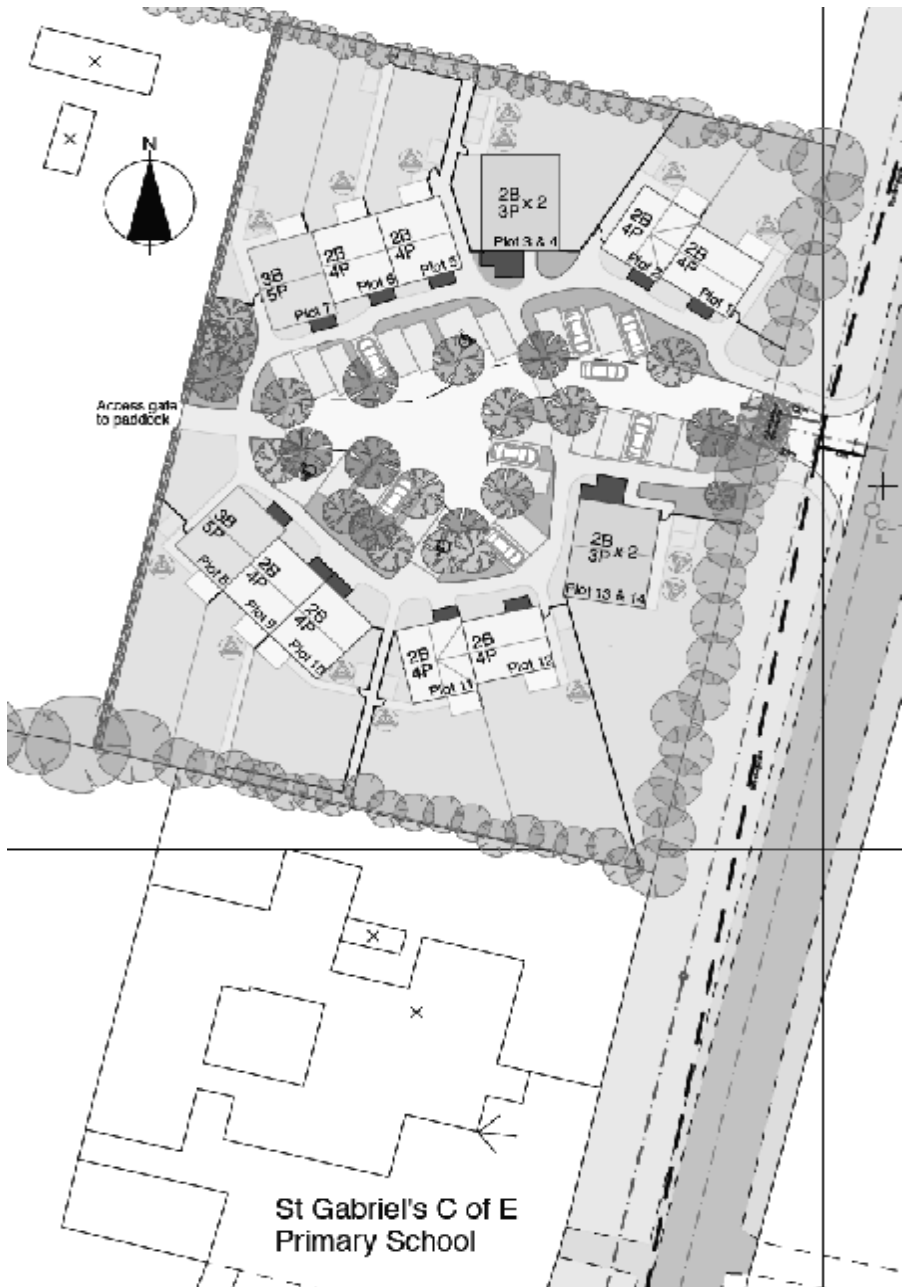
For rent:

- 4 x two bedroom, three person flats
- 2 x two bedroom, four person houses
- 2 x three bedroom, five person houses

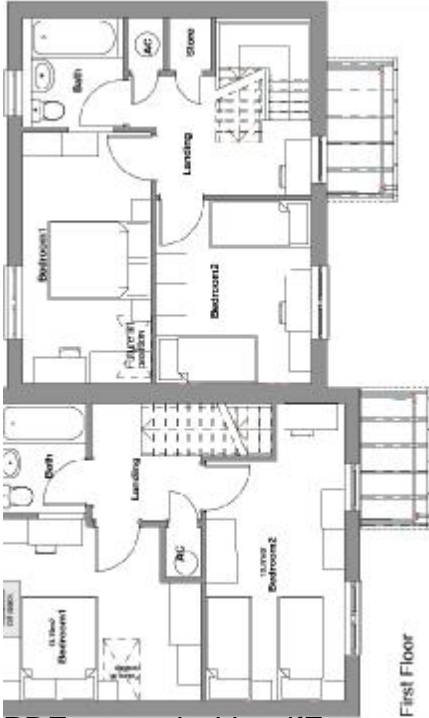
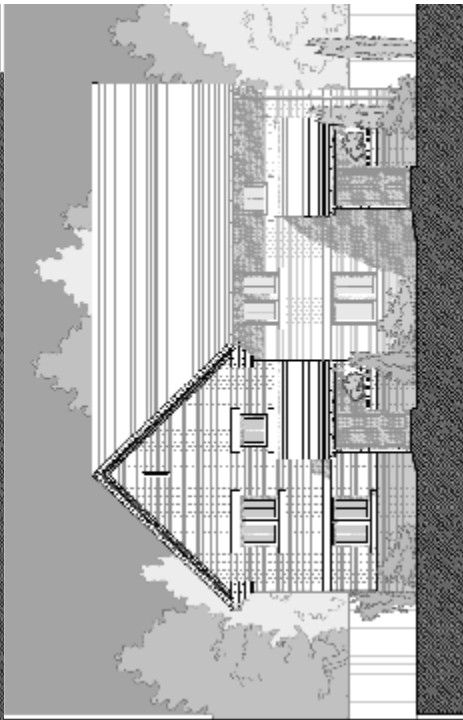
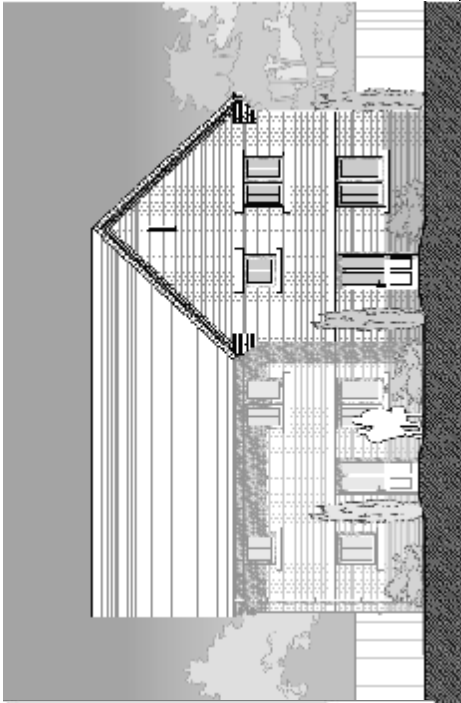
For shared ownership: 6 x two bedroom, four person houses

The site is outside the village's settlement boundary and is therefore defined as a "rural exception site". This means that it must be for local people or those with a connection to the village. The housing needs survey conducted a couple of years ago was updated recently with a survey of those on the housing needs register and this was used to inform the decision on the number of properties to be built and the mix of sizes and styles.

The design of the buildings is being finalised at the moment (see some suggestions on the next page) and a planning application will then be submitted to Malvern Hills District Council by West Mercia Housing Group to gain formal approval for the scheme. At this point there will be a further opportunity for local residents to comment on the proposals as part of the normal planning consultation process. The recent housing needs survey was sent to those people on the register held by Festival Housing, but it is possible that there are other people with a local connection to Hanley Swan who would be eligible for one of these new houses. If you know of anyone in this category or would like further information please contact West Mercia Housing Group on 01527 556400 or e-mail lisa.mason@wmhousing.co.uk.



Proposed Site Plan



Typical elevations and plans. Please note that these drawings are representational, not to scale and are subject to change. For a download-able copy of the full preliminary proposal drawings, please go to

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Hanley Castle Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of January, March, May (AGM), July, September and November at Hanley Swan Village Hall: meetings start (usually) at 7:30 pm. All members of the public are welcome at these meetings, though they will be allowed to address the council only before and after the meeting unless otherwise invited by the Chairman.

Our Council comprises:

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The Parish Council Website

Our website presents far more information than can ever be printed in a newsletter. On it, you will find all the minutes of committee meetings, planning decisions, information regarding businesses resident in the parish, news, links to other sites, information about recycling facilities and much, much more.

We are very keen to expand this site and to make it a valuable source of data for our residents. However, it is run by volunteers at no cost to the Parish and consequently would benefit from additional effort. If you would be prepared to lend a hand in providing content and timely updates, we would be glad to hear from you. Experience is not necessary (we'll help you with the technical stuff!), but a PC, an internet connection and boundless enthusiasm are all essential! We have plenty of ideas — we need help in getting them put onto the site. If you can help, please contact the editor: irt@cygnetlodge.co.uk or phone 310716.

Comments and contributions from parish residents are welcomed on any subject to do with our community. The Parish Council is very conscious of the cost of producing and distributing this newsletter and the methods of so doing will be under constant review.

If you would be prepared to receive it in electronic form either by email or by downloading it from our website, please let us know — this will help us to keep production costs to a minimum.

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