Advice from Vaughan Thompson MA Urban Design, BA Hons Town & Country Planning, MRTPI.

Vaughan is a chartered Town Planner and qualified urban designer with, in excess of, 35 years professional experience.

It is my professional opinion as a town planner and urban designer that the draft proposals put forward to date can lead to an application scheme that HPC can support on behalf of the community.

HPC has achieved an extraordinary amount of mitigation and enhanced quality through the detailed scheme process so far. I will be pleased to provide further assistance going forward where need and within my capacity. Scheme 2 improved changes from Scheme 1 that VT recommends supporting.

- A reduction from 90 to 88 homes, creating more breathing space in the layout.
- Significantly improved Melksham Road frontage parking relocated behind houses, tree lined footway reinstated, house types varied with recently added low stone walls enhancing local distinctiveness.
- 2 x Three-storey high blocks of flats removed and replaced with two-storey almshouse-style 1 bed maisonettes, each with their own front door.
- A large usable central green space.
- No homes directly backing onto Great Parks or south of the PROW, respecting rural edges and views.
- Continuous tree lined public footway reinstated around the site.
- Building materials consideration variety of recon stone, red brick and soft white render with some low stone walls in a cock and hen style across affordable and private plots.
- Parking not dominating frontage of street scenes.
- Preserved and strengthened ecological corridors, with dark zones and tree buffers retained.
- Community orchard and landscaping around the pumping station corner.





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## SCHEME 2

Submit your own comment to Julie Mitchell before 20 June.

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