

Norton St Philip Residents Survey - Houses for Community Benefits -

Houses for community benefits. Have YOUR say!

Do you want 69 more houses to be built at Fortescue Fields, Norton St Philip? What do you think of the community benefits offered in exchange? Have YOUR say!

Dear Neighbours

BACKGROUND

In 2013 [Lochailort Investments Ltd](#) submitted an outline planning application to build 49 houses on the green field immediately adjacent to Church mead known as 'Fortescue Fields West'. At the same time they applied to build up to 20 houses on the green field site adjacent to Mackley Lane known as 'Laverton Triangle' or Fortescue Fields East. Both sites are outside the village development limit. An approval to build on these sites, in the context of the recently adopted Mendip Local Plan, could set a precedent for further green field developments in Norton St Philip.

These applications were refused by [Mendip District Council](#) Planning Department in 2014. A few weeks later Lochailort Investments appealed against this decision.

On 3rd & 4th March 2015 at 10am the Government Planning Inspectorate have arranged an 'informal hearing' in Shepton Mallet at which an Inspector will look at evidence presented by Lochailort Investments and Mendip District Council, along with representations from Norton St Philip Parish Council and members of the community. They will evaluate all the evidence against current planning policies and make a final and absolute decision about the future of these two sites.

Lochailort Investments have proposed a number of 'community benefits' along with their planning applications. These benefits were identified using data from the Parish Plan survey in 2005, which is now 10 years out of date. These benefits are what's known as the Section 106 agreement, they are supposed to offset potential 'harm' that would be caused by these two developments.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THIS APPEAL

We are a group of Norton St Philip residents whose objective is to research some collective views of the community before the Planning Appeal on 3rd & 4th March. We would like to get some up-to-date feedback from you, the residents, about the proposed new houses and the benefits that they potentially bring with them. If we can get enough responses, your 'collective feedback' will be presented by us to the Inspector at that hearing.

Please complete this short survey- one response per household -, and urge your neighbours to do the same. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Alice Tollworthy (coordinating this research) on 07947 103 891

Very many thanks

Please confirm that your household is in Norton St Philip.

One response per household please.

In order for this survey to be representative of our village, please confirm that you live in Norton St Philip.

Please choose one person to represent your household. Your details are only needed to verify that you are residents, and so that the organisers of this survey can contact you if further clarification is needed. Your details **will not** be shared publicly or to any 3rd party.

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*1. Address

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
City / Town	<input type="text"/>
ZIP / Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>

***2. Are you in favour of 'up to 49 houses' being built on Fortescue Fields West - the field adjacent to Church Mead pictured below? .**

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Site plan for 'up to 49' new houses known as Fortescue Fields West.



***3. Are you in favour of 'up to 20 houses' being built on Fortescue Fields East - also known as Mackley Lane Triangle - pictured below?**

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

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Site plan for 'up to 20 new houses' on land known as Fortescue Fields East.



Questions relating to Norton St Philip village hall facilities.

Norton St Philip has a village hall known as the 'Palairret Hall' which is 2,100 sq. ft in size. The Palairret Hall is managed and maintained by community volunteers. The Palairret Hall is subsidised each year by a grant from the Parish Council because it is not self-sustaining. The village also has a new cricket pavilion, and space available in the Church, the school and the village pubs. There is surplus capacity at these venues.

*4. Do you think there is a need in our village for a new, larger village hall?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

5. If YES, what would you use a new, larger village hall for?

6. If YES, where do you think the most appropriate location would be?

- ☐ In the centre of the village
- ☐ On the edge of the village
- ☐ Set well outside the village, away from residential housing

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7. Would you be prepared to help manage, maintain and fundraise to support the sustainability of a new, larger village hall?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Questions related to a proposed community benefit.

If planning permission is granted for BOTH 'up to 49' houses on Fortescue Fields West, and 'up to 20 houses' on Fortescue Fields East site then Lochailort Investments have proposed to build a 4000 sq ft.village hall in the location specified below. **Please note: This 'benefit' is dependent on planning permission being granted for BOTH sites.**

***8. Are you in favour of permission being granted for 'up to 69 new houses' on both Fortescue Fields West and East sites in Norton St Philip in return for a new village hall being built in this location?**

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Proposed site of new village hall behind the cricket pavilion on Church Mead, Norton St Philip



Questions related to proposed community benefits.

If planning permission is granted for development of up to 49 new houses on Fortescue Fields West site then Lochailort

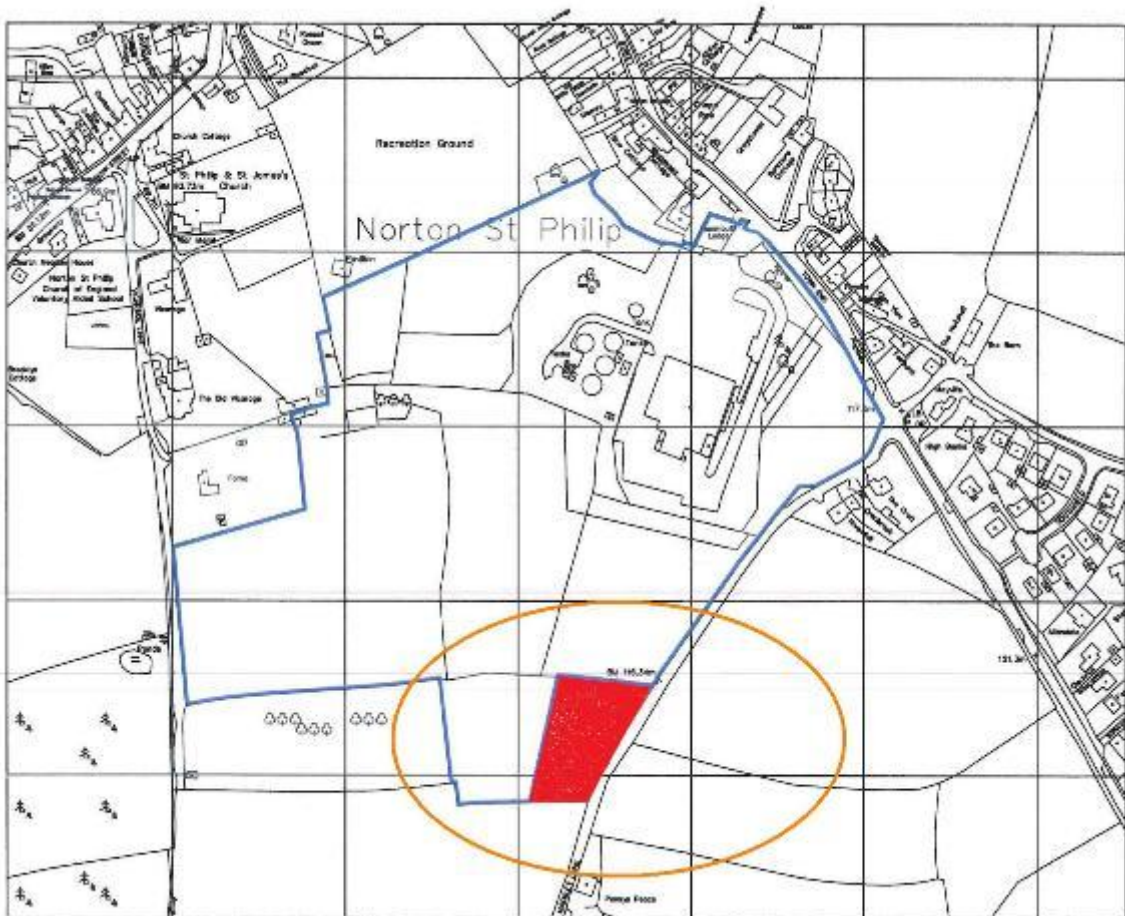
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Investments have proposed to gift a piece of land off Mackley Lane to the Parish Council and make a financial contribution towards the building of a fenced, tarmac sports facility known as a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The remainder of the land would be c.8 allotments made available to residents.

***9. Are you in favour of permission being granted for up to 49 new houses on Fortescue Fields West site in return for the gift of land for a Multi use games area (MUGA) and a financial contribution towards it's building, and c.8 allotments?**

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Proposed location for MUGA and allotments



Question relating to community benefits.

More than £400,000 has recently been spent on a traffic calming scheme in Norton St Philip. Lochailort Investments are proposing to gift a further £75,000 towards more road improvements as a community benefit attached to these planning applications.

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***10. Are you in favour of permission being granted for 'up to' 69 new houses on both Fortescue Fields West and East sites in Norton St Philip in return for £75,000 towards further traffic improvements in Norton St Philip?**

☐ YES

☐ NO

Have your say!

Do you have comments you'd like to make which you feel are relevant to these issues? Please share your views here.

11. Is there anything you would like to add?

Results and thank you

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please forward the link to this survey to your neighbours.

The results will be circulated via the Norton St Philip Community Planning database. If you would like to receive the results of the survey by email please send your details to: nortonstphilip.planning@gmail.com