

Southbrook Cottages - Planning Application

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It has been noted that some residents are confused about the planning application for the development of the garage site at Southbrook Cottages in Micheldever. The planning application is being made by Winchester City Council (WCC) and can be viewed on their website using the planning reference [21/01279/FUL](#). The Parish Council and residents of Southbrook Cottages were included by WCC in the consultations on the plans for the flats and also in respect of the proposals to improve parking provision prior to the planning application being submitted.

The Parish Council have not approved the planning application for the proposed development at Southbrook Cottages. Along with close neighbours, the Parish Council are invited to comment upon the application prior to it being considered by the Planning Authority (in this case WCC).

A Winchester City Council Planning Officer would normally then make a planning decision, taking into account the comments made by the Parish Council and others. As this planning application is being made by WCC there will be more stringent rules on how it is considered and it will go to the WCC Planning Committee made up of City Councillors who would have to declare any 'interest', financial or otherwise, in the application eg owning property nearby or working for a developer of the project.

All parish councillors are required to complete a Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests form each year and these are available to be viewed on the WCC website. In addition, at the beginning of each meeting councillors are asked to declare any interests (financial or personal) that they have in respect of any matters on the agenda and these are then noted in the minutes which are published on the website www.micheldeverparish.org.uk

The Parish Council have decided, after improvements were made to the parking provision at Southbrook Cottages, to comment in support of the planning application due to the need for small, affordable homes for local people.

When the Housing Needs Survey report for Micheldever Parish was published last year it identified 20 households with a local connection to Micheldever Parish who have been assessed by WCC as needing rented social housing. 12 of these require 1 bed properties and 5 require 2 bed properties, whilst 3 need larger properties. WCC own 44 homes in Micheldever Parish and over the last 5 years 12 have become vacant. At that turnover rate it would take at least 9 years to satisfy the demand of people currently on the waiting list and this is not accounting for any new registrations which may take place over that period.

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