

Affordable Housing update 2

Further to a telephone conversation with Craig Dransfield (SOHA) on 7 December 2015, the following is the updated information on affordable housing:

SOHA are in final negotiations with the landowner for the purchase of the land. The scheme will be for:

2 x 1 bed houses/flats	for rent
1 x 2 bed houses	for rent or shared ownership
1 x 3 bed house	for shared ownership

This is the recommendation from the first survey which took place in 2010. The second survey recommended 1 x 1 bed bungalow, 1 x 1 bed house, flat or bungalow, 8 x 2 bed houses and 2 x 2 bed bungalows.

The reasons for not building the recommended number in the 2014 survey are:

The smaller scheme does not have to go before the Committee to get funding approval. The larger scheme would need their consent and the opinion is that approval would not be forthcoming for such a large build in a small village with no facilities.

SOHA have agreement in principle with SODC for planning of the smaller development. For the larger one, it would be necessary to go back to SODC to get their approval for a larger development which could take a long time.

SOHA do not build bungalows as they are considered too expensive on land and the build is nearly as expensive as a house which takes up less space.

The Parish Council was asked to support the planning when it comes through for their views and also asked to see if others in the parish could be persuaded to write offering their support.