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Dear Planning Dept

Ref: P/20/106, P/20/105 and P/20/104

Regarding the plans for the development of the site at McFarlands' Downs, presently occupied by Sea View. The proposal being for the building of three, 4 bedroom properties.

The Design and Access Statement accompanying these applications requests planning permission for three houses on a preexisting housing plot and large garden.

The statement says "The concept and detailed design has been conceived locally in a response to a perceived need..... , the properties are to be detached to enable each plot to be sold off individually and subsequently constructed independently for more homes" . This could be great news for the permanent housing requirements of a sustainable and thriving community.

However, unless I have not fully understood the application, what appears to be missing from the Design and Access Statement, is who will have the opportunity to purchase these housing plots of land. What will be the criteria for a person or persons ability to apply for a plot at Sea View?

Please may I ask the Councillors, when considering these applications, to ask for more information from the Duchy of Cornwall, regarding who will have the opportunity to apply for, what will be a very sought after and welcome self build plot.

Will they need to prove they are resident on the islands and are not adequately housed?

And/or will applicants need to demonstrate that they have a much needed occupation and skill required to keep the island community sustainable?

And/or, will people who were born on the island's, have a proven ancestry to the islands, but moved away to gain skills and knowledge, or establish a career, like those who joined the armed forces, be permitted to apply for a plot, to enable them to return to their birth place and contribute to the community?

Or will it be, just be anyone who can afford the price, regardless of 'perceived need'?

Kind regards
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