



**Notes of the Feering Parish Council Planning Working Group
held virtually on Monday 26 October 2021 at 8.00 pm
via Zoom (Meeting ID 854 1566 9172)**

In Attendance: Cllr Robert Carpenter (Chairman) Cllr Paul Lees
Cllr Katherine Evans Cllr Simon Reed
Lisa Collins - Clerk

1) **DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS**

a) **21/02950/TPOCON – Bows Cottage, The Street, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Confirmation that the neighbours to the conifer hedges have been consulted as there is no site notice erected on TPO applications.

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council has no objection to this application but would like confirmation that the neighbours have been consulted in relation to the reduction in the conifer hedge as we are aware that site notices are not erected on TPO applications.

b) **21/02167/VAR – Land North of Inworth Road, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Change of house types from 4 bed to 3 beds and spaced out more. Additional tree works to an oak. Diagrammatic representation of the tree indicate that the tree is being reduced on one side only and they would welcome BDC's tree service views on the oak tree reduction. Plot substitutions no problem with them and would be an improvement to that corner. Reiterate the previous comments about the pv panels.

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council have no objection to the plot substitutions and believe this would be an improvement to the space in that corner of the site. With regard to the representation on the drawings for the tree work, they indicate that the oak tree is being reduced on one side only and Feering Parish Council would welcome BDC's tree service department's views on this reduction.

Feering Parish Council would also like to reiterate their comments submitted on 9 August 2021 that the number of PV panels on the dwellings falls far short of the number of properties on the site and that which was originally proposed by the developer. There are a total of 28 dwellings which will have the panels which is just 17% of the entire site. This is contrary to proposed government policy on climate change which states that "all new homes to be "zero carbon ready" with no new homes delivered under the new system needing to be retrofitted . . .".

We would also like to reiterate our concerns regarding the installation of the panels in the shadow of other properties and whether the panels will produce only the amount of power in shadow. With 20% of the panels being installed on affordable housing, which is a higher density area, this may reduce the efficiency of the panels being installed and we repeat our request for clarification as to what type of inverter is being used to run the panels for maximum efficiency.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 15 November 2021