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Dear Supporters,

This coming Monday 4th August at 7pm, the Parish Council will be holding a meeting to discuss the draft Heads of Terms for the S106 relating to Hesmond's Stud. The agenda for the meeting and the current draft Heads of Terms are attached to this email.

The reason we are highlighting this meeting to our supporters is because the Heads of Terms will specify exactly what benefit the proposed development of 275 houses will bring in terms of infrastructure and improvements to existing amenities to support this and future housing developments.

As things stand currently, the attached draft offers very little other than car pooling and an education site we have no guarantee will ever progress further than a "site". We are sure you have all seen the appalling example of the development in Battle whose developer recently had it's obligation to build affordable housing removed, and so there is no guarantee that the quota of 35% contained in the draft Heads of Terms will be met.

You will also see attached a set of bullet points which are the options being discussed at Monday's meeting in terms of how to proceed.

For reference they are to:
Do nothing
Seek advice on the sustainability of the scheme as presented
Seek advice to establish suitable planning conditions
Seek advice to ascertain if the draft Heads of Terms are sufficient in terms of mitigating the impact of the application.
Alternative action to be considered and agreed upon at the meeting

Village Concerns believe that all of the above actions have merit

apart from “Do nothing”. It is imperative that we achieve better for the village and would stress the importance of attending the meeting on Monday to support action over inaction.

We look forward to seeing you there but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, we will do our best to answer them.

Thank you and from the Village Concerns Steering Committee

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