

Cllr. Marianna Ebel
BH2020/00917 – Unit 1-3, Ellen Street

24th July 2020:

Cllr Allcock, Cllr O'Quinn and I met with Watkin Jones to receive an update on the Hove Gardens Planning application (1 – 3 Ellen Street). During this meeting David Scane stressed that they need to get this application to the Planning Committee meeting on 2nd September. David highlighted that the current offer for affordable housing can only be upheld if the planning application is determined on 2nd September, as the offer for affordable housing is based on the developer paying S106 rather than CIL contributions. As you know, CIL will be implemented on 5th Oct 2020. If the planning application was approved on 2nd Sep it would allow Watkin Jones' legal team to finalise documents just in time before the implementation of the CIL. Please find attached email correspondence between Watkin Jones and the Council's Housing Team for further information.

David informed us that they are still waiting for a response from the Housing Team regarding the affordable housing offer.

I would really appreciate if you could expedite this process, Watkin Jones urgently needs the feedback from the Housing Team so that can address the Housing Team's comments before 2nd Sep.

I believe that this development would improve the area, over the last few months Watkin Jones has worked closely with Ward Councillors, the Housing Team and residents, and incorporated feedback from all parties. It would be an absolute shame if all this hard work would have been for nothing.

I hope this issue can be resolved as quickly as possible. Please keep Cllr Allcock, Cllr O'Quinn and myself updated.

