**HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**The below is the text of an email sent by the chairman to , Forest of Dean District Council on 20 October 2020**

**Subject:** Proposed Development Huntley / Churcham

Dear Mr Hiett,

As you are aware a consultation document has been produced by your local plans section in respect of the above proposed development, I wish to comment as follows:-

1) With the present Covid restrictions - it is impossible to hold a public meeting with residents to get full views of their concerns for submission within the 8 week period.

2) The broad band speeds are very low in Huntley area , many of our residents have low internet speeds which prevents them taking part in zoom or on line debates and public information sites.

3) A good number of the residents in Huntley do not have the internet and therefore, would be able to comment on the proposals.

So the above being the case how can we consult with the community?

 We would ask the following:-

1) The period of consultation is extended, to enable all residents of the parish to put their views for inclusion of in any further submission to FODDC.

2) We did consider about advising all residents with copies of the report / plans in hard copies either by door step deliveries / postal services. However the cost is prohibitive and we do not have the funds / facilities available to do this. It is our opinion that the FODDC should distribute all documents in hard copies to all residents within the parish. They then would be able to submit their views.

I trust that you will give the above due consideration.

Regards

Alan Wood Chair of HUNTLEY PC