

**Dalton Piercy Parish Council**  
**Minutes of special meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22nd July 2021**  
**at Dalton Piercy Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs M. Ireland (Chair), L Noble, S Rushworth, M Jackson and Cllr M Patrick

**In Attendance:** Clerk J. White and 4x members of the public

Meeting began at 7.05pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** D Rezai. **Accepted and approved.**
2. **Declaration of interest:** None.
3. **Public forum:** The Chairman allowed each person present (Councillors and members of the public) an opportunity to express their thoughts on the two applications being considered. Issues raised are listed under point 4.

**4. Planning Applications:**

- H/2021/0115 7x bungalows, land off Highgate meadows.

It was unanimously **Agreed** DPPC should object to this application.

Issues raised:

Against the adopted Rural and Local Plans. Encroaches the 'Green Gap' between Elwick and Dalton Piercy and is outside of the village envelope. The original application for the first phase of development at the Highgate Meadows site was recommended for refusal by HBC officers in an 11-page document, DPPC see no reason why anything has changed. Access road is still too narrow. The boundary of the site is a nature reserve – there is no 15m protective 'buffer zone', using proposed back gardens of the properties is against national guidelines. The number of developments approved by HBC satisfy the required number of new homes in the Borough. There is no requirement for these extra homes and no exceptional circumstances in the village of Dalton Piercy which require them. Additional pressure on narrow country lanes. Further disruption to those neighbouring the site.

- H/2014/0405 amendment to masterplan (southwest extension of Hartlepool between Brierton Lane and A689)

It was **Agreed** DPPC should comment on the application.

Reasons outlined below:

The proposed extension is part of the Local Plan and substantially increases the size of Hartlepool.

The impact of such a large development will affect the whole borough and infrastructure should be one of the priorities.

There are concerns there is no western 'link road' to the 'High Tunstall' part of Hartlepoons western extension. This could possibly lead to extra through traffic on Dalton Back Lane. It is proposed to create 3 junctions on the A689 in close succession starting with the notoriously dangerous Dalton Back Lane where there is no upgrade to the junction. It was felt this was an unsafe approach and further added to the reliance on the car, increasing the towns carbon deficit.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm