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Application for 20 new dwellings and change of use of 1 no. existing dwelling (The Vicarage) into a communal social hub

The Vicarage, Darsham Road, Westleton

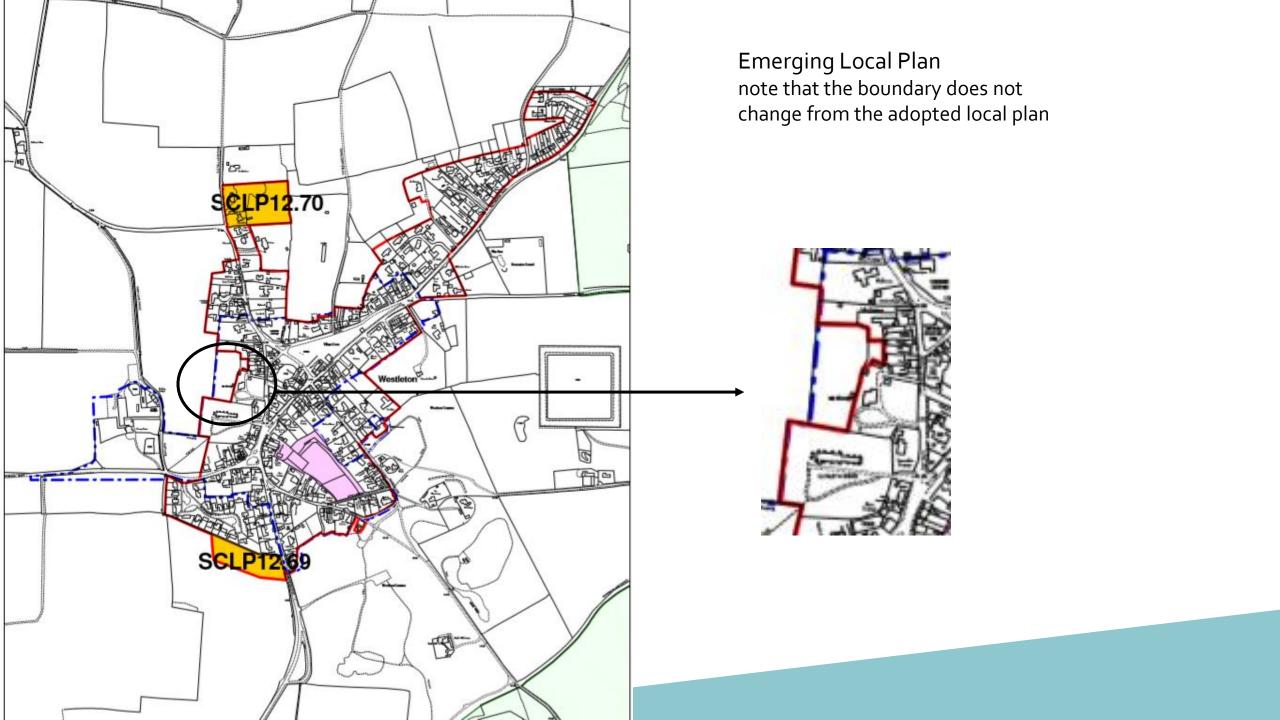




1 Existing site location plan





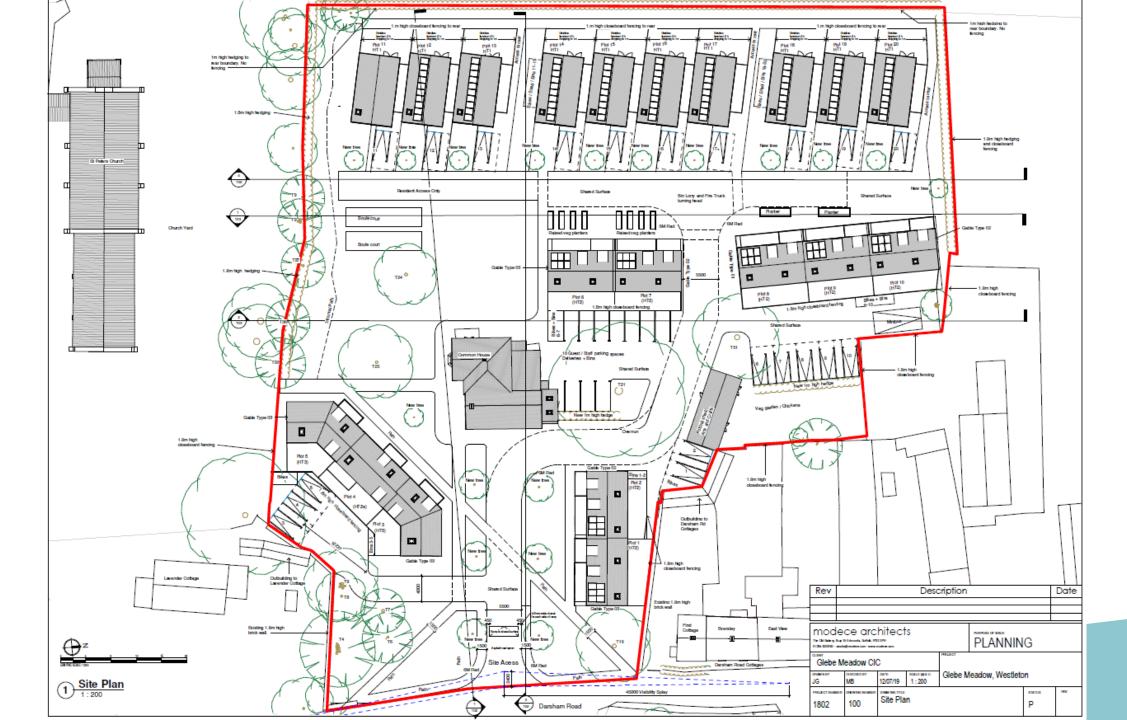




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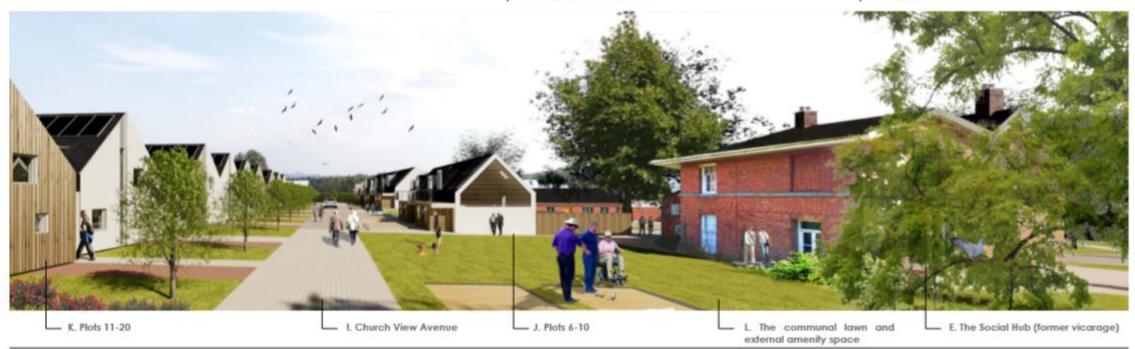


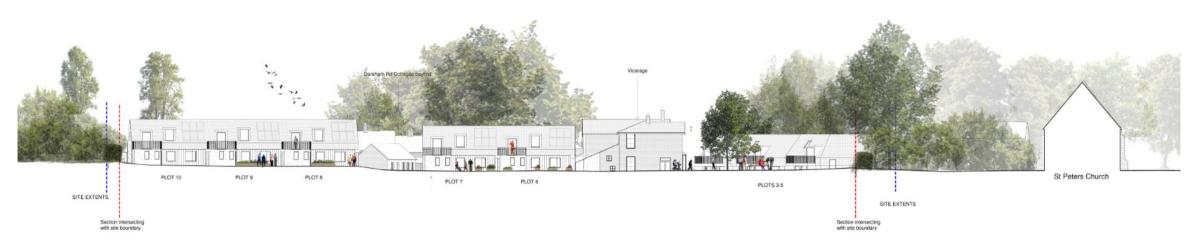










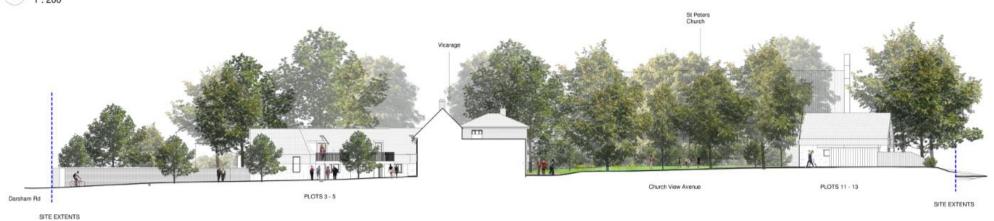












The following issues are in the officer's mind significant and would be suggested reasons for refusal:

- 1. Harm to designated heritage assets of St Peter's Church and Lavender Cottage
- 2. Loss of important open space identified in the CA appraisal and the resulting harm to the defined heritage asset
- 3. The site is located outside the settlement boundary and does not meet the exceptions to allow housing identified in para 79 of the NPPF or Policy DM3 of the Local Plan.
- 4. Insufficient information has been provided to satisfy the Local Lead Flood Authority that suitable drainage of the site can be achieved
- 5. Objection from the Councils Arboriculturist over the future pressure to fell trees
- 6. The scheme represents poor layout and design which does not respect its setting or character of the area and is contrary to design guidance in the NPPF
- 7. There is no suitable mechanism through an appropriate legal agreement to ensure that the dwellings remain for local people (as was the intention) and as such, with the very open cascade proposed, amount to new market dwelling. No affordable housing is proposed on grounds of viability. As such there is no public benefit arising from this development.
- 8. Inappropriate mix of housing to satisfy Policy SP3 of the Local Plan.

Recommendation

Delegate to the Head of Planning and Coastal Management