



Itchingfield Parish Council

4th August 2026

Dear Planning Team

Planning Application DC/25/2057

The Parish Council wishes to make clear that its original objections to Planning Application DC/25/2057 remain unchanged and continue to represent the Council's formally adopted position.

Without prejudicing this position, the Parish Council recognises that, should the planning application be approved, it has a responsibility to represent the interests of the local community constructively. In such case the Parish Council is committed to working collaboratively and in good faith with Miller Homes.

Accordingly, the Council's willingness to engage with Miller Homes is undertaken without prejudice to its original objections and should be regarded as a demonstration of responsible community leadership, ensuring that the interests of the parish and its residents remain at the forefront of all discussions.

The Parish Council believes that successful developments are founded not only on the quality of the homes delivered, but also on the quality of the relationships established with the communities in which they are built. If this planning application is approved, Miller Homes has the opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to being a responsible and trusted developer that listens to local concerns, responds positively to constructive feedback and seeks solutions that deliver lasting benefits for both existing and future residents. The Parish Council would welcome engagement with Miller Homes before and during the lifetime of this development to ensure that the best interests of all concerned are recognised and, as far as possible, accommodated.

This development will become an integral part of the Parish. It is therefore in the mutual interests of Miller Homes, the Parish Council and local residents that the development is accompanied by a legacy of positive engagement, mutual respect and community confidence. Establishing and maintaining a constructive relationship throughout the life of the project will help to build trust, reduce unnecessary conflict, support effective communication and ensure that issues arising during the planning, construction and occupation of the development can be addressed collaboratively and in a timely manner.

The Parish Council therefore invites Miller Homes to work in genuine partnership with the Council and the wider community, recognising that meaningful engagement

is not simply a requirement of the planning process but an investment in the long-term success, reputation and acceptance of the development within the parish.

Yours faithfully

Alan Strudley – Chairman

On behalf of Itchingfield Parish Council