CCCLT/Estates Management/Affordable Housing Team 17.01.23

No formal agenda, expected is an update re CC Estates/CC Affordable HT meeting with Gavin Smith/CC’s East Area Planning Area Team Leader.

 Nicola Williams opened to update attendees:

PC budget meeting 16.1.23, failed to agree a request for 20k feasibility studies, 20K reserved by the Chairman on request is slid back into general reserves, on an understanding that until the project is in the public domain, it cannot be reserved specifically.

The difficulty addressed was in an email to the CCLT/CC discussion group by NW in advance of 17.01.23 meeting:

*I’m finding it difficult to pull down our PC funding commitment without further info. I’d really like to push forward as I’m finding the need to keep this under the radar almost impossible when reporting to our PC. I can only hold back so long as they’re getting (understandably) a bit tetchy. It’s already frankly quite difficult, and is undermining trust.*

An agreement ensued to make a site visit on the 7th Feb, walk the land and mark up maps re highways access/ commercial/live work development might best be sited/affordable housing/allotments etc. Task complete a pre app will be prepared in a short timescale without apparent need to fulfil feasibility studies first, which we’d understood were contingent to a pre app.

 Gavin Smith cannot make the 7th Feb, but hopes a team member who will see the app through to full planning will attend. Fiona Caitlin a Chartered RIBA architect is requested.

Feedback from Gavin Smith:

* Moderate number/no more than 12 units (Suggest 3-4 single accom could be accommodated in one 2 storey unit)
* Ignore the policy restrictions in terms of land use and sketch a ‘vision’
* Generally supportive of a scheme at the site/without prejudice
* POST our meeting he adds he’d been unaware St End is Grade 1 listed