

**PLANNING REF: LU/116/13/ - Hollyacre Toddington Littlehampton –
PLANNING APPLICATION**

**COMMENTS FROM ANDY ELDER - HOUSING STRATEGY AND ENABLING
MANAGER – ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL – 18 JUNE 2013**

Arun District Council Housing Strategy – Raise the Roof

The Council's affordable housing strategy for the period 2010 -2015 is called Raise the Roof and was approved by Full Council in December 2010. It is designed to influence the actions of key players in the local housing market and to promote housing that supports and facilitates economic growth. One key action in the strategy is to enable the delivery of 1,000 affordable homes for local people between 2010 - 2015.

Although good progress has been made towards this target, with 730 affordable homes completed at March 2013, the Council still has a strong demand for all types of affordable housing with over 1,100 households on the housing register at June 2013. Affordable housing will normally be for rent, shared ownership or low-cost market housing.

The Council aims to ensure that 30% affordable housing is achieved on all new residential developments in the district above 15 units. Below this number a commuted sum in-lieu of on-site delivery will normally be agreed by way of a S106 legal agreement.

Scheme viability

The applicants have adhered to the Council's Interim Affordable Housing Policy adopted on 18 August 2010. This requires that from developments of 15 or more units an affordable housing provision of 30% across the board should be required of developments.

In their application the applicants have proposed that up to 20 of the dwellings should be affordable homes, this meets the Council's affordable housing policy requirements.

Property sizes design and mix

The applicants have indicated a mix of 2 and 3 bed houses for the affordable homes which is acceptable and meets the Council's needs from the housing register.

Summary

The Council has a housing strategy target to enable the delivery of 1,000 affordable homes by 2015. This scheme would make a valuable contribution towards the Council's affordable housing requirements over the next couple of years.

I support the application subject to the comments in this response.