INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER CLELAND'S GARAGE SITE AND THE REAR OF TESCO CAR PARK Planning Reference 20/01410/PPP at 43 Main Street

A planning application has been submitted to build new flats in four blocks on a site which includes the former Cleland's garage, about 70% of the rear of Tesco's car park and the north end of the Norhet car park.

The proposals comprise 36 residential units, one 1-bed, twenty six 2-bed, and nine 3-bed. The blocks range in height from two to four storeys.

The main access to the development is from Main Street while a second non vehicular access to the site is to be provided from the cycle path and Tesco car park. The development will make provision for 30 car parking spaces and 70 secure cycle spaces.

This application has been submitted by the agents for the developer at a time when the Council had been absolved under the Covid19 Emergency Legislation from their statutory duties for public and neighbour notification. The reason was that the agent had a contractual obligation to submit the application by the 23 March.

However both the Developer and the Council Planning Department accept that the current situation is completely unsatisfactory and that there will need to be time for proper consultation on the proposals and for public comments to be made.

This means that the application has been put on hold until a date when the Council are able to comply with their statutory obligations for advertising and neighbour notification. From that date there will be the normal 21 days for public comments to be made.

The important thing is that there is now time to consider the most important planning issue for the village in years.

In the meantime the details of the application can be viewed on the Council's Planning Portal as Planning Reference 20/01410/PPP at 43 Main Street, Davidson's Mains. A direct link is available on the home page of our website.

The Association are considering the application and in due course would expect to have discussions with the agent for the developer about any local concerns. We would intend to produce a summary of the main issues and would be pleased to hear the views of local residents.

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