

Councillor John Bradley- Community Land Trust (CLT)

I attended the CLT monthly board meeting on 18th March. Sadly the first item on the agenda was in memory of Pete Crowe who had been a director until a few months ago, and who died recently.

The central point of discussion and debate remained around developing a local lettings policy in order to ensure that in due course affordable homes on the Ford Road development will be made available according to agreed CLT priorities. A survey has been circulated to CLT members to gauge their views.

The main matter of mutual concern remains Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments, how they will be administered and the best way to ensure that the right projects for Arundel are prioritised. I was able to update the CLT on the timelines shared by Arun District Council on getting projects onto the approved list for their infrastructure investment plan.

On Friday 9th April I joined a site walk of the proposed Ford Road development with some of the CLT directors and representatives from Savills. This allowed a better understanding of the proposed layout of the site, the amenities and actions being taken to shape the project to mitigate concerns which have been raised during the planning process so far. This included understanding more about access points, parking and landscaping.

Savills are keen to get local input into the design of the buildings on the proposed site, should it progress. CLT would like to play a part in this (though not take the lead) and are keen for Arundel Town Council also to play a part. I have highlighted this to Les Wood as chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, as well as the Mayor and Town Clerk. I welcome feedback from councillors on whether to engage with this and how to do so.