

#### 4.2.1 PRE-APPLICATION DESIGN RESPONSE

- Pedestrian routes are prioritised in the layout. Footpaths link the site to Church Lane and the bus stops on Howlett Way. Pedestrian routes are included along the central spine route and green space and along the east-west green corridor.
- The setting of existing Public Right of Way is to be considered carefully in the landscape scheme and outward facing dwellings provide a high level of passive surveillance.
- The layout includes frontage of outward facing dwellings bordering Howlett Way. These are to be set behind a landscaped frontage which retains as many of the existing trees as possible. The frontages to the dwellings will be visible from Howlett Way and will provide an identity to the development.
- Please refer to section 5.3 of this document which defines the landscape proposals for the scheme. The use of the pillbox is also defined.
- The open space between Church Lane and the development site is retained in the scheme.
- Since the pre-application meeting, the layout has been adjusted to provide landscaped areas to the east and the west of the main bulk of the Rectory building. Hence, unobstructed views out in both directions are prioritised.
- Since the pre-application meeting, the proposed position of the Early years Centre has been adjusted. It is now located on the central spine route, facing onto the central open green space. This position is more accessible to those travelling from outside the site.
- The proposed housing mix is generally in line with the requirements of the Local Plan and one third of dwellings are to be affordable.

#### KEY





	FLATS		PROPOSED DRAINAGE BASINS
	HOUSES		PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE AND EMERGENCY ACCESS
	EARLY YEARS CENTRE		EXISTING MATURE TREES (UN-SURVEYED)



FIG 49 - ILLUSTRATIVE LAYOUT MARCH 2018

### 4.3 TRIMLEY PARISH COUNCILS CONSULTATION AND RESPONSE

Trimley Estate has been committed to early stakeholder and near neighbour engagement. As part of a thorough consultation process, a widely publicised near neighbour consultation event was held in Trimley St Martin, alongside stakeholder meetings with local representatives such as ward and parish councillors. Throughout consultation, Trimley Estate welcomed and invited feedback on the proposals from stakeholders and near neighbours to establish if any amendments could be taken on board prior to the submission of a planning application.

#### Meeting with Ward Councillor and Parish Chairman

On 19 June 2018, a meeting took place between members of the project team, Cllr Graham Harding (formerly Suffolk Coastal District Council, The Trimleys) and Cllr Yvonne Smart (Trimley St Martin Parish Council, Chairman). Topics discussed included, provision of an Early Years Centre; issues relating to access; parking provision; the former poultry farm; impact on near neighbours; need for green space and play area within the parish; the Howlett Way roundabout; speed along the Howlett Way and traffic calming measures; landscape management on the A14 embankment and the upcoming public consultation event.

#### Meeting with Trimley St Martin Parish Council

On 3 July 2018 a meeting took place between members of the project team and Trimley St Martin Parish Council. Topics discussed included, the need for a primary school; the need for open space and larger play area; the Early Years Centre; parking provision; Trimley Estate's wider land ownership; bungalows; the poultry farm; the location of the access road; the level of parking per house and building heights.

#### Meeting with Trimley St Mary Parish Council

On 4 July 2019, a meeting took place between members of the project team and Trimley St Mary Parish Council. Topics discussed included, provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing on Church Lane; parking issues on Church Lane; further provision of green space; car parking; need for a primary school; management of construction traffic; speed along Howlett Way and nursery spaces.



#### 4.4 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND RESPONSE

As part of the design process, and in advance of the submission of a planning application, near neighbours and local stakeholders were invited to a consultation event, held on 17 July 2018 at Trimley Sports & Social Club. The event was publicised via an invite sent to 1,516 addresses around the site, in addition to being promoted through a press release and bulletins sent to parish councils. 103 local residents attended the event.

A full report on the consultation process is included in the 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI) submitted as part of the planning application. In summary, the consultation involved:

- The creation of a project website - [www.trimley-howlettway.co.uk](http://www.trimley-howlettway.co.uk)
- A newsletter and attached feedback postcard, which could be returned via freepost, sent to over 1116 residents explaining the plans, how to comment and inviting recipients to a public exhibition of the proposals;
- A public exhibition held at Trimley Sports & Social Club on Tuesday 17 July 2018 between 16:00 and 20:00

#### KEY FEEDBACK

The key issues raised in the consultation process are listed below.

##### Infrastructure and Local Services

- In the feedback, residents described local services, such as schools, doctor's surgeries, dentists and shops as already oversubscribed. Therefore, a general view was that local infrastructure and services would not be able to cope with the amount of new homes being proposed.
- Frequently, responses asked for the provision of a new secondary school and more spaces to serve the local demand.

##### Density

- Concerns were raised over the amount of development already taking place in the surrounding area.
- Whilst a proportion of feedback accepted the need for more housing, responses frequently voiced concern regarding the number of new dwellings proposed.

##### Traffic and Roads

- Traffic was the predominant concern in the feedback.
- Many residents considered that this development would cause traffic to build up on the High Road.

- Respondents felt that cars coming off the A14 entering Howlett Way at speed would approach the new roundabout too suddenly, making for a potentially dangerous situation.
- Concerns were raised over the single access point for the development.
- Farm traffic, from tractors, was also cited as a cause for concern.

##### Character of Village

- There was a general apprehension that the Trimley villages would lose their historic significance and character due to overdevelopment.
- There was a wish to retain the 'village feel' of the area and not make the Trimleys into an urban centre.
- A feeling that the villages should preserve the unique historic significance as Pre-Roman and post Domesday highway routes and settlements.

##### Support for New Housing and Affordable Homes

- A significant proportion of residents were aware of the need for more houses.
- Residents voiced support for affordable homes and homes for young people.
- Other suggestions included building more bungalows for elderly people near the bus stop.

##### Environment

- Several responses lamented the loss of agricultural land and green space.
- Responses expressed the need for more green space and better protection for wildlife within the plans, and the need for more green separation than is currently proposed.

##### Parking

- Some people had concerns about the lack of parking.
- Feedback highlighted the need to make sure residential parking was adequate in the new homes, the potential for the open space off Church Lane to be utilised as a new car park and the need for new parking around the post office.





#### 4.4.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DESIGN RESPONSE

The masterplan has evolved over the design process to take into account feedback from various officers and the public consultation.

The layout responds to feedback as follows:

- Increased the setback of a section of units along Howlett Way
- Reduced scale of units to respond to immediate context, both along Howlett Way and existing residential properties.
- Enhanced pedestrian links to Howlett Way and PRoW.
- Provision of some amount of parking bays along the green space near Church Lane.
- Provision of bungalows along western boundary with denser planting to protect privacy of existing residences.
- Enhanced boundary treatment along Trimley Old Rectory.

A number of improvements to enhance pedestrian accessibility across Howlett Way and High Road have been proposed following comments and feedback received. These are:

- The proposed addition of new footway and a pedestrian island at the north-eastern extent of Howlett Way, where the Crows Well Way public right of way (PROW) footpath crosses Howlett Way, improving the safety and convenience of crossing whilst respecting existing desire lines and the PROW;
- Proposed amendments to the High Road/Howlett Way roundabout junction including a kerb buildout on the southbound approach which reduces the approach width and increases deflection (as well as separation) in order to encourage lower entry speeds into Howlett Way, and widening of the Howlett Way approach splitter Island and provision of new footway on the northern corner of the junction to provide an improved crossing angle and reduced crossing distance for pedestrians;
- The proposed provision of a zebra crossing on High Road at the frontage of the church immediately south of Church Lane, providing increased crossing amenity in the locality of Church Lane, the adjacent shop/post office and bus stops.
- These measures to improve pedestrian movement on the existing road network have been welcomed by Suffolk County Council and have been subject of a Road Safety Audit.



FIG 50 - ILLUSTRATIVE LAYOUT EXTRACT