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Press Release
Meeting between Formula Land Ltd with Downton Parish Council

Members of Downton Parish Council met with representatives working on behalf of Formula Land. Formula Land had requested this meeting in order to provide information about their very early plans to apply for permission to build on the land off of Breamore Road behind Catherine Crescent. The virtual meeting was held on Monday 8th February 2021 in the presence of an independent observer to ensure that the meeting was compliant with the Council's protocol on meetings with developers.

Some limited background information was provided by a Planning Consultant, a Community Development lead, a Landscape Architect and a Design Director all appointed to work on behalf of Formula Land. The meeting was led by Cllr Dave Mace, the then Chair of the Parish Council. The members of the planning team identified outline plans to build up to 100 homes and stated their intention to engage with members of the community.

The planning team responded to range of questions put to them by councillors which included issues such as groundwater, sewerage, meeting the local housing need, road safety and pedestrian access to the site, impact on the local services and sustainability. Several of their answers were unable to resolve the concerns raised.

Members of the Parish Council gave no encouragement or discouragement to Formula Land's plans but referred the Planning Team to Downton Neighbourhood Plan's housing commitments. The Planning Team offered to meet again with Downton Parish Council which was agreed on the assumption that they would be able to provide a greater level of information and explain how they would propose to meet the Council's expressed concerns.

Cllr Dave Mace, commented:

"As always Downton Parish Council welcomes early engagement from developers and encourages Formula Land Ltd to carry out a public consultation in the community in a safe way within Covid restrictions before any detailed plans are submitted to Wiltshire Council."

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