

**Wield Parish Council**  
**Extra-ordinary Meeting – Thursday 13 July 2023**  
**Wield village hall**

**Present:** Alwin Hutchinson (Chair), Nick Lailey, Bn Robinson, Roland Richardson, Kate Gibbons and Jean Frost (Clerk)

**Apologies:** None.

The meeting was called to discuss Planning Application 29707/013, Church Farm, Preston Candover Road, Upper Wield, Alresford, GU34 5NG.

- All plans were available for inspection.
- Parishioners had already been asked to comment.
- Of those parishioners commenting on the application - 45% were against and 55% in favour.
- Councillors were asked for comments.

Councillors voted not to object but to offer the following comment:

Reflecting limited local response (14%) split into 57% Support 43% object, Wield Parish Council (WPC) has the following comments:

1. The decrepit and run-down brown field site is an eyesore, a major blot in an otherwise attractive landscape and mars the entrance to the village. This application offers an opportunity to improve the site, contribute to EHDC's housing requirement and demonstrate the vibrancy rather than stagnancy of the village.
2. The proposed one storey agricultural building style (similar to a recent converted barn in Lower Wield) is both appropriate and bold.
3. The proposed site access makes use of an existing access but is close to a narrow blind corner on a busy lane: safety aspects will need careful consideration.
4. Notwithstanding WPC's willingness to consider contribution to the district's housing stock requirement, assurance is sought that no linkage or precedence regarding further "infill or linear" style development in the area would accrue from an approval of this application.

- Clerk was asked to make the above comment to the planning authority.

Meeting ended at 6.30pm