

Dickens Heath Parish Council wishes to make the following comments on planning application 2013/1478 - Land between Braggs Farm Lane and Rumbush Lane, Dickens Heath, Solihull:

Response to Planning Application 2013/1478

Dickens Heath Parish Council object in principle to this application on the grounds of prematurity. The site is included in phase 2 within the draft LDF and should therefore not be developed before 2018. We have made previous representations about the adverse impact on the village infrastructure and local environment that would arise from the designated sites being brought forward in advance of the LDF adoption.

If the Borough Council should decide to approve this application, Dickens Heath Parish Council would ask that the Affordable Housing element consist in part of properties for sale on a low cost home ownership basis, preferably fixed equity shared ownership.

Dickens Heath Parish Council would also ask that the developers give full consideration to providing some properties specifically designed for the elderly across the whole site. There is very little currently available for this age group within the village and surrounding area, and such a provision would help to balance the community profile.