



EASTINGTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (ECLT) LIMITED

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1. Status of ECLT

ECLT became a community benefit society (non-charitable), incorporated under the FCA, register number 7425 on November 3rd. This has required the election of a Board of Trustees at a Special General Meeting and the subsequent election of a Chair and Vice Chair:

Tom Morrison, Chair	Cllr Muriel Bullock, Vice Chair
Tom Low, Secretary	Lynne Farnden, Treasurer
Trustees:	Alan Brasier, Cllr Alison Loverage, Cllr Sharon Wells, Paul Mannings, Martin Elliot
Co-optee:	Cllr John Jones

2. Progress on Feasibility Study

The project to build 23 homes for affordable rent is now officially at pre-application stage with Stroud DC. This entails informal meetings with various specialists as we gather data on technical proofs of practicality.

To date we have commissioned six reports and received five of them. We await Air Quality Analysis and have the following completed:

Ground Survey, Ecology, Highways Access, Topographical Survey and Acoustic Survey

Our Architect has used this information together with our Housing Needs Survey to provide a first-cut layout which we have considered and fed back for modification. Once we have settled on our best design, we will bring that to EPC Planning Ctte and to Stroud DC planners.

3. Funding

The Locality Grant discussed at the time of Council granting ECLT £6,000 from the Solar Fund was received in December. The Feasibility Study is now fully funded.

Stroud DC have been granted a six-figure sum for community- led housing of which we hope to have a share, to set off our build costs and ensure the “affordable” element of our feasibility.

Tom Low, Secretary ECLT