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## Trull Parish Council: IMPORTANT UPDATE ON CANONSGROVE

Dear Resident

Firstly, we hope that you are managing to remain safe and well during this trying time. We thought we should update you regarding Canonsgrove. We are sure that most residents will have supported the initiative as a temporary response to the Covid crisis, albeit the community will be aware of the significant anti-social behaviour and crime which has consequently affected our villages.

- Somerset West & Taunton (SWT) are now carrying out an Options Appraisal for permanent solutions to this problem and published details in its Executive report in November 2020, available <https://democracy.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=12337>.
- The options paper is **“primarily looking at the contribution which Canonsgrove could make to the singles homeless accommodation strategy and it is not an assessment of all alternative sites”**. (SWT) A viability assessment is ongoing at a cost of approximately £10,000
- If approved a **“sizeable hub”** would be sited at Canonsgrove. We have asked for details of size and exact nature of the provision but SWT have said they will not communicate with us unless/until Canonsgrove is chosen. This despite the Scrutiny Committee’s recommendation that “any options appraisal must be open, transparent and a forward looking review of all potential sites. Any appraisals involving Canonsgrove should be communicated with both Trull and Comeytrove Parish Councils as well as local residents.”
- We would anticipate the hub being significantly larger than the current provision which presently houses up to 60 residents. There is ample space for 3 times that number.
- 4 alternative sites are known to the SWT team which **“could have similar capacities to the Canonsgrove site.” No detail has been provided and no evidence that they are being seriously considered.**
- It has recently come to light that the present use of Canonsgrove is contravening a S106 agreement put in place when the halls were built. **As a result there will be a planning application put forward in the very near future.**
- There will be 3 main avenues for residents to get the latest developments:
  - **Trull Community Facebook**
  - **Trull Parish Council Website**
  - **Trull Residents Website: [www.trullresidentsgroup.co.uk](http://www.trullresidentsgroup.co.uk)**

What we and local Councillors who support our consultation, need to know, as your representatives, is what the residents of Trull/Staplehay feel would be the best outcome for homeless people across the SWT area in the long term. So please let us know by completing the accompanying survey.

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## Trull Parish Council: Canonsgrove Survey

We invite you to voice your opinion by completing this survey. Tick one box please  
**Closing date for responses is: Friday February 5th**

A "sizeable "hub model at Canonsgrove requiring a 6 mile round trip to essential services.

A "sizeable hub model centrally located in Taunton close to services and community.

Smaller multi-occupancy accommodation dispersed across Taunton

Housing First Model: clients immediately placed in their own accommodation and provided with wrap-around support. Recognised as being particularly successful with more complex needs clients.

Other: What do you think might be the best solution? Do you have a story to tell about Canonsgrove?

Name:

Address:

Please could you take a photo of this page and e-mail to: [peter.and.linda@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.and.linda@btinternet.com)  
If you are unable to do this you can ring **01823 336150** and collection can be arranged.