SAM MATHISON- BACKGROUND

I have been involved in purchasing land and project managing housing developments for over 20 years, mainly working for national housebuilders including Barratt Homes and Bellway Homes. I have been at my current company Barratt Homes (based in Watford, North London) for over 9 years.

Developments I have worked on range in size from 6 houses up to the current site I’m working on in Aylesbury which is 2450 houses. My main job is to identify pieces of land to purchase, look at a suitable mix of houses for the site, and then negotiate a price with the owners of the land.

The majority of the developments that I work on include a proportion of social housing which is typically 30-40% of the total unit numbers. I liaise with Housing Associations to agree a suitable mix of houses for each site (which will include a variety of HA tenures), agree a build specification and price and then deliver the units to them as per an agreed timetable.

Having been a lifelong visitor to Purbeck, me and my partner Susie purchased a cottage in Kingston five years ago. We love spending our weekends and holidays here with our young son Thomas. The strength and cohesion of the local community in Purbeck is a big part of what makes it such a special place for me. Even though, I know tourism is an important contributor to the local economy, the resulting high house prices jeopardise the sustainability of that community and I would like to think I can put my skills, knowledge and experience to good use by helping to make sure there is good quality affordable housing for current and future generations of local people.

I believe I have experience which will assist the CLT in the next phase of it activity. I am keen to do this as a member of the Board.