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Date: 20th March, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE will be held in The Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Tuesday, 31st March, 2020 at 5.00 p.m.

Public Consultation on planning applications will commence at 5.00 p.m. (see Agenda Item No. 6 for clarification).

Please note that meetings may be recorded for future broadcast.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Executive Director - Operations

To: All Members of the Planning Applications Committee Councillor W.J. Hancox (Chair). Councillor K. Wilson (Vice-Chair). Councillors J. Beaumont, S. Gran, A. Llewellyn-Nash, I Lloyd, B. Longden, B. Pandher, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, R. Smith and C. Watkins.

<u>AGENDA</u>

PART I - PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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Chair to advise the meeting if all or part of the meeting will be recorded for future broadcast.

- 2. <u>APOLOGIES</u> To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
- 3. <u>MINUTES</u> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March, 2020 (attached). **(Page 5)**
- 4. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non- pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (Page 11). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Democratic Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.

2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

- 5. <u>DECLARATIONS OF CONTACT</u> Members are reminded that contacts about any Planning Applications on this agenda must be declared before the application is considered
- 6. <u>APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ON WHICH THE PUBLIC</u> <u>HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE TO SPEAK. EACH SPEAKER WILL BE</u> <u>ALLOWED 3 MINUTES ONLY TO MAKE THEIR POINTS</u> – the report of the Head of Development Control attached. (Page 14)

- 7. <u>APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ON WHICH NO MEMBER</u> <u>OF THE PUBLIC HAS INDICATED A DESIRE TO SPEAK</u> – the report of the Head of Development Control attached. (Page 14)
- 8. <u>ANY OTHER ITEMS</u> which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting should be considered as a <u>matter of urgency</u> because of special circumstances (which must be specified).

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

10th March, 2020

A meeting of the Planning Applications Committee was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Tuesday, 10th March, 2020.

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<u>Present</u>

Councillor W. Hancox – Chair Councillor K. Wilson – Vice-chair

Councillors J.B. Beaumont, K. Evans (Substitute for Councillor A. Llewellyn-Nash), S. Gran, B. Longden, B. Pandher, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, R. Smith and C. Watkins.

Apologies: Councillor A. Llewellyn-Nash.

PLA77 Chair's Announcements

The meeting was being recorded for future broadcast to the public via the Council's website.

PLA78 Minutes

The Chair announced an amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2020, as follows:

"Apologies: Councillors A. Llewellyn-Nash and A. Sargeant."

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2020, as amended above, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

PLA79 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor K. Evans declared that he was now employed by the House of Commons.

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes and as above.

PLA80 Declarations of Contact

The Chair declared that all Members of the Planning Applications Committee had received an email from Councillor D. Gissane in regards to Planning Application No 036784.

IN PUBLIC SESSION

PLA81 Planning Applications

(Note: Names of the members of the public who spoke are recorded in the Schedule)

RESOLVED that decisions made on applications for planning permission are as shown in the attached schedule, for the reasons and with the conditions set out in the report and addendum, unless stated otherwise.

PLA82 Any Other Business

None

Chair

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION AND RELATED MATTERS REFERRED TO IN MINUTE PLA81 OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE ON 10th March 2020

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<u>036784: Site 46a010 – Tunnel Road, Nuneaton, CV10 9NW</u> <u>Approval of a Reserved Matter, relating to landscape, following outline approval</u> <u>of 033601 for up to 14 dwellings</u> <u>Applicant: Mr Andrew Cartwright</u>

Speakers:

DECISION

Planning Permission be granted, subject to the conditions printed in the agenda and addendum.

Planning Applications Committee Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2019/2020

Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			 Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: Housing matters Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 An allowance, payment given to members An indemnity given to members An indemnity given to members Any ceremonial honour given to members Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 Planning and Licensing matters Anlotments Local Enterprise Partnership
J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Board member of Bulkington Village Centre	
		 Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum 	
S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
W.J. Hancox		 Unite the Union Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Building Control Partnership Steering Group Hammersley Smith & Orton Charity 	
A. Llewellyn- Nash	Employee of BMI Healthcare	Treasurer of Exhall Multi-cultural Group Governor at Newdigate Primary and Nursery School, Bedworth	
I. Lloyd		Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	Dispensation to speak and vote

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B.J. Longden		Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS	
		Member of the Stockingford Community Centre	
		Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board	
		 Representative on the following Outside Bodies: George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors Armed Forces Covenant Meeting Astley Charity 	
B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group	
M. Rudkin	Employee of Coventry City Council	Unite the Union Representative on the following Outside Bodies: • Bedworth Neighbourhood	
A. Sargeant		Watch Committee Member of Warwickshire County Council Chairman of The Nook (Nuneaton) Residents Association. Chair of Attleborough Community Matters group. Volunteer at Volunteer Friends Bulkington. Member of Nuneaton Carnival Committee	
		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Advice Rights	
J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	

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		Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
		Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	
		Champion for Safeguarding (Children & Adults)	
		 Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board Warwickshire Direct Partnership Warwickshire Waste Partnership West Midland Employers Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee 	
R. Smith		Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Board of Directors at Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club	
C.M. Watkins	Landlord of a privately rented property	 Representative on the following outside bodies: Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency. Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership. Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board. Warwickshire Housing Support Partnership. Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel. 	
K.D. Wilson	Employee of the Courts Service	Non Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited	Dispensation to speak and vote

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M. Rudkin	Employee of Coventry	Unite the Union	
	City Council	Representative on the followingOutside Bodies:Bedworth NeighbourhoodWatch Committee	
A. Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council Chairman of The Nook (Nuneaton) Residents Association. Chair of Attleborough Community Matters group. Chair of Attleborough Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer at Volunteer Friends Bulkington. Member of Nuneaton Carnival Committee	

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AGENDA ITEMS 6. & 7.

Planning Applications Committee <u>31st March 2020</u>

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HE	Heath	KI	Kingswood	PO	Poplar
SL	Slough	SN	St Nicolas	WB	Wembrook
WE	Weddington	WH	Whitestone		

Item No. 1

REFERENCE No. 036491

Site Address: Site 97c001 Bedworth Road, Bulkington. Warwickshire.

Description of Development: Erection of 188 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, highways, drainage infrastructure and other accommodation works.

Applicant: Ms Jayne Smith - Taylor Wimpey, North Midlands Ltd. & Adrian Seabridge - Seabridge Developments Ltd.

Ward: BU

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Committee is recommended to grant planning permission, subject to a legal agreement and the conditions printed.

INTRODUCTION:

The application is for the erection of 188 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, highways, drainage infrastructure and other accommodation works at Bedworth Road, Bulkington (Site 97c001).

The site is on the western edge of Bulkington, it is bounded to the west by the railway line and to the east by the residential estate of Severn Road which is a mixture of semi and detached two storey properties and semi-detached dormer bungalows all dating from the 1960's.

Access to the site is off Bedworth Road which is to the south of the site and which has ribbon development of residential properties of differing design and age with a mix of detached, semi-detached and terraced properties. The materials of the houses in the area and roof design are mixed.

To the north of the site are open fields, to the north east is Mill Lane with the houses closest to the site consisting of two storey dwellings also from the 1960's.

The land is currently vacant and was previously farmed. The site is approximately 1km from the village centre and measures 6.37 hectares in size and slopes down from the eastern to the western boundary and includes a hedgerow to the boundary with a garden in Mill Lane and one hedgerow that runs through the middle of the site.

The site is part of the Strategic Housing Allocation known as HSG8 of the Borough Plan 2011 – 2031. HSG8 is split into three separate pieces of land all under different ownership. The two further pieces of land in the Allocation are to the south of Bedworth Road and extend southerly and easterly to meet Coventry Road.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

• 018613 (780560) Housing Development (Outline application). Refused 1978.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES:

- Policies of the Borough Plan 2019:
 - HSG8 West of Bulkington.
 - DS1 Presumption in favour of sustainable development.
 - BE1 Contamination and land instability.
 - o BE3 Sustainable design and construction.
 - BE4 Valuing and conserving our historic environment.
 - o DS2 Settlement hierarchy and roles.
 - o DS3 Development principles.
 - DS4 Overall Development needs.
 - DS5 Residential Allocations.
 - o DS7 Land Removed from the Green Belt.
 - H1 Range and mix of housing.
 - H2 Affordable housing.
 - HS1 Delivery of Infrastructure.
 - HS2 Strategic accessibility and sustainable transport.
 - HS5 Health.
 - NE1 Green infrastructure.
 - NE2 Open space.
 - NE3 Biodiversity and geodiversity.
 - NE4 Managing flood risk and water quality.
 - NE5 Landscape character.
 - SA1 Development principles on strategic sites.
 - Supplementary Planning Guidance / Supplementary Planning Documents.
- Affordable Housing SPD 2007.
- Residential Design Guide 2004.
- National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF).
- National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG).

CONSULTEES NOTIFIED:

Cadent Gas, Coal Authority, CPRE, Environment Agency, George Eliot Hospital Trust, Highways England, Natural England, NBBC Environmental Health, NBBC Housing, NBBC Parks, NBBC Planning Policy, NBBC Refuse, NBBC Sports Development, Network Rail, NHS, Open Space Society, The Ramblers Association, Severn Trent Water, Stagecoach, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Warwickshire Police (Architectural Liaison Officer), Western Power Distribution, WCC Archaeology, WCC Fire and Rescue, WCC Flood Risk Management, WCC Highways, WCC Infrastructure, WCC Rights of Way.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

No objection subject to conditions from:

Network Rail, NBBC Environmental Health, Severn Trent Water, WCC Archaeology, WCC Flood Risk Management and WCC Highways.

No objection from:

Coal Authority, Highways England, NBBC Housing, NBBC Refuse, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue.

Comment from:

Cadent Gas – requires note as apparatus in area.

Coal Authority – requires note in the event any unrecorded coal mining hazards are encountered.

NBBC Policy – As the site is allocated the development is acceptable in principle.

- The following points are observations:
 - The proposed density is higher than is expected for the site resulting in there being no separation from the existing dwellings on Severn Road.
 - Point 25 of HSG8 not addressed re boundaries enhanced through new planting of woodland copses and trees to Severn Road.
 - Point 26 states that development proposals should be in accordance with the concept plan. The proposed density is approximately 30 dwellings per hectare, which is greater the 28 dwellings per hectare stated in the concept plan SPD.
 - Non-inclusion of allotments needs to be agreed with Parks.
 - Needs to demonstrate compliance with HS3 Telecommunications and Broadband Connectivity.
 - Needs to demonstrate how passive solar design and passive ventilation have been incorporated into the proposal.
 - Needs to demonstrate Secured by Design.
 - Needs to demonstrate consideration to noise and vibration, light and soil.
 - Site waste management plan or construction management required in terms of treatment of construction waste.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue - Provide details of alternative measures intended to be put in place to meet Approved Document B, Volume 2, Section B5 – Access and Facilities for the Fire Service where the 45m maximum distance permitted to gain access to all points is not met as per Approved Document B 15.1.

No comment from:

Environment Agency and Natural England.

Requesting 106 contribution from:

Bulkington Village Centre, George Eliot Hospital Trust, NBBC Parks, NBBC Sports Development, WCC Infrastructure and WCC Highways.

Requesting notes:

The Ramblers Association, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue, Warwickshire Police (Architectural Liaison Officer) and WCC Rights of Way.

No response from: CPRE, Open Space Society and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

No formal response from: NBBC Parks but they responded with no objection to the layout and landscaping plans.

NEIGHBOURS NOTIFIED:

126 – 154 (even), 143 – 147 (odd) Bedworth Road, 17, 22 – 44 (even) Mill Lane, 1 – 73 (odd), 38 Severn Road and 1 – 19 (inc) Weavers Close.

Neighbouring properties were sent letters notifying them of the proposed development on the 25th June 2019. Following receipt of amended plans a further letter was sent to neighbours on the 7th November 2019 and subsequent to some minor changes nine of the properties previously consulted were consulted again on the 2nd March 2020.

A site notice was erected on street furniture on the 4th July 2019 and the application was advertised in The Nuneaton News on the 10th July 2020.

NEIGHBOUR RESPONSES:

There were 10 objections from 9 addresses and 4 from 3 people (who did not provide an address) following the original consultation. The comments are summarised below:

- 1. High volume of traffic already as this is the main road through.
- 2. Access is too close to brow of hill.
- Emergency access from Severn Road is a concern due to limited parking and must be lockable to ensure it doesn't become a secondary road and must remain locked. Concerns that this access will be changed to a secondary road over time.
- 4. Credibility of Transport Assessment is in doubt due to errors and should be accompanied by a road safety audit and swept path drawings to demonstrate the safety for Refuse vehicles etc. Proximity of bus stops could be dangerous. Traffic modelling needs to reflect traffic to The Lawns Equitation Centre and show the proposed toucan crossing.
- 5. Transport Plan is flawed does not take into account developments in Nuneaton that have increased traffic in the village.
- 6. Parking in village is already an issue.
- 7. Houses to the north of the site will park in Mill Lane which is a dead end and does not have capacity for more parked traffic.
- 8. Large proportion of the affordable housing is at the extreme reaches of the site furthest from bus services.
- 9. Need details of what provision will be given to cycle route.
- 10. Two trees will be removed at the end of Mill Lane in order to put cycle route through. Cycle route through to Mill Lane will increase crime and provide a rat run for mopeds.
- 11. Will reduce air quality.
- 12. Increased number of housing to that shown during the public consultation.
- 13. Density is too great Borough Plan stated 28 dwellings per hectare site provides 38.8 dwellings per hectare. Should be reduced to allow more openness to boundaries with neighbours and to protect hedges and enhance landscaping.
- 14. Not enough public consultation.
- 15. Must be developed as part of larger HSG8 site not on a standalone.
- 16. Encroaches into green buffer and reduced play and open space.
- 17. Loss of more green fields and wildlife habitats for bats, badgers hedgehogs skylarks etc. Green Belt should be protected. Will provide urban sprawl and alter character.
- 18. Disregard to the loss of the hedge in the middle of the field which is a hundred years old and supports wildlife and absorbs water preventing the flooding of the railway line. Loss of this hedge is against policy.
- 19. Hedge to Mill Lane must be protected.
- 20. Field has been left fallow and wildlife has increased.

- 21. Should concentrate on developing brownfield sites.
- 22. Good arable land will be lost.
- 23. Lack of infrastructure will put pressure on doctor's surgeries as only one in the village, schools and roads.
- 24. Drainage including blockages due to insufficient fall and water pressure has always been an issue in the area.
- 25. Should include open space and allotments. No capacity for any expansion of existing allotments. Allotments provide exercise.
- 26. Bulkington will lose its village feel and will be turned into town.
- 27. Development is on the urban edge and will look messy.
- 28. Loss of light and privacy to garden and house.
- 29. Fence heights should be minimum height of existing dwellings rather than the standard 1.8m to protect privacy. Should be continuous to protect neighbours.
- 30. Need to provide slab levels and levels across site as steep gradient could cause road safety concerns.
- 31. Other Authority's refuse applications on Green Space.

Further consultation letters were sent to all neighbours on the 7th November 2019. There were 4 objections from 3 addresses all who had responded originally. The comments are summarised below:

- 1. Looking onto gable end to be built close to fence line. Will block light from garden; cast shadows and be claustrophobic. Will have permanent health impact on existing residents.
- 2. Even though decrease of two houses it is still an increase on what was originally intended in the public consultation by 40 dwellings.
- 3. Infrastructure wont cope e.g. doctors, schools etc.
- 4. No account of small developments around the village increasing pressure on infrastructure.
- 5. No one wants development.
- 6. Density in corner of site is too much.
- 7. Plots 31-34 have been squeezed in.
- 8. Archaeological work recently carried out caused vibration to neighbouring property and will be greater nuisance during construction.
- 9. Amendments improve the footpath and cycle route to existing properties.
- 10. Ecology reports have inconsistences.

Further consultation letters were sent on the 25th February 2020 to limited neighbours affected by minor amendments. There were 3 objections from 2 addresses both who had responded originally. The comments are summarised below:

- 1. Still looking at gable close to fence line which will block light and cast shadows.
- 2. Even though decrease of two houses it is still an increase on what was originally intended in the public consultation by 40 dwellings.
- 3. Infrastructure wont cope e.g. doctors, schools etc.
- 4. No account of small developments around the village increasing pressure on infrastructure.
- 5. No one wants development.
- 6. New layout small improvement on previous.
- 7. Lockable bollard is deleted.
- 8. Some neighbours still adversely affected.
- 9. Hedge on site has recently been cut (to stop birds nesting in it) and caused noticeable drop in biodiversity and appears to be an excuse to remove it.
- 10. Surveyors will need to establish true boundary.
- 11. A lockable bollard will not be effective as it increases the risk of vandalism to the bollard and unrestricted access and presents an increased risk to

pedestrians and cyclists. Taylor Wimpey assured they would provide measures to provide access for pedestrians and cycle access but not powered vehicles.

- 12. The creation of an off road route from Coventry Road to Mill Lane will without doubt facilitate greater antisocial behaviour and crime to what is already taking place. These concerns were ignored by the Planning Inspectorate at the Local Plan Examination.
- 13. Proposal does not comply with SPD and is being rushed through before the SPD is adopted.

Comments from Bulkington Village Centre:

- 1. Request for 106 contributions.
- 2. Informal concern on density on village edge and principle of development.

Comments from WCC. Cllr. Jeff Morgan:

1. Glad safer routes for schools have been included. Bedworth Road to Nicholas Chamberlain is hazardous and needs to be made safer.

APPRAISAL:

The key issues to assess in the determination of this application are;

- 1. The Principle of the Development.
- 2. Affordable Housing.
- 3. Impact on Residential Amenity.
- 4. Impact on Visual Amenity.
- 5. Impact on Highway Safety.
- 6. Flooding, Drainage, Contamination, Noise and Air Quality.
- 7. Landscape Buffers, Allotments, Open and Play space, Ecology and Biodiversity.
- 8. Archaeology.
- 9. Planning Obligations.
- 10. Conclusion.

1. The Principle of the Development

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that planning applications are determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. In this case the Development Plan is the Borough Plan 2011 - 2031.

The land was originally within Green Belt but this status was removed and the site allocated for residential development within the Borough Plan 2011 - 2031. The site forms part of the Strategic Allocation known as HSG8. Therefore, the Planning Inspectorate has agreed in principle that this site is suitable for residential development.

Since the Plan's adoption, the principle of this site for housing land has been somewhat established given the amount of background research, and consultation required to allocate this land as part of the Borough Plan. Therefore, the impact of residential development, highways, landscape assessment etc., were assessed as part of this wider evidence base.

Since the Adoption of the Borough Plan, Concept Plans have been created for all of the Strategic Allocations. However the creation of these were after the submission of this planning application and the Concept Plans will not be adopted until at least April this year. Therefore only limited weight can be given to the Concept Plan. Notwithstanding this, the Concept Plan is just that and is there to inform and initiate pre application discussions when considering the design.

In shaping this development site, Policy HSG8 suggests several Key Development Principles (KDP) and these will be referred to throughout this report where they are relevant.

This current application has to meet the specific policies of HSG8 as well as meeting all other relevant Policies of the Borough Plan and National Policies.

The specific Key Development Principles for HSG8 are:

1. Provision of at least 495 dwellings in a mix of dwelling types and sizes.

2. Provision of under 12s children's play facilities on central parcel of site.

3. Play and open space to be provided with appropriate management and maintenance arrangements.

4. Financial contribution towards the upgrading of sports facilities and teenage play provision at Bulkington Recreation Ground, as well as financial contribution towards facilities at Miners Welfare Park in Bedworth, a destination park within the council's Open Space Strategy.

5. Provision of community allotments on northern parcel of HSG8.

6. Financial contribution and/or on-site land swap with Arden Forest Infant and St James Academy Junior schools in order to meet anticipated demand for school places.

7. Financial contribution towards secondary level education in order to expand existing secondary provision in the area to an additional 3.5 form entry.

8. Bus infrastructure improvements within or adjacent to HSG8, with a potential contribution to secure diversion of frequent local bus services to access the strategic housing site based on dialogue with Warwickshire County Council and bus operators.

9. Any transport improvements/upgrades required along Bedworth Road, Coventry Road and surrounding streets as a result of the development.

10. Financial contributions towards highways infrastructure identified in the Strategic Transport Assessment for Bulkington.

11. Provision of a footway/cycleway network through the open space on the site, linking Coventry Road with Bedworth Road and up to Severn Road and Mill Lane.

12. A toucan crossing on Bedworth Road between the northern and central parcels of HSG8.

13. Financial contributions towards the development of a dedicated cycle path along the B4029 between Bulkington and Bedworth

14. Potential local sewage network improvements to improve capacity to accommodate the development, subject to discussions with Severn Trent Water.

15. Financial contributions towards sport and physical activity.

16. Financial contribution towards community facilities.

17. Financial contribution for primary medical care to be given to NHS Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group or successor body.

There are no stipulations on the number of houses to be allocated in each parcel and in reference to KDP number 1, the allocation as a whole is to provide 'at least 495 dwellings in a mix of dwelling types and sizes'. The Concept Plan 3.4.2 states there should be an overall density of around 28 dwellings per hectare. The site proposes 30 dwelling per hectare. As previously stated, the Concept Plan was created after the submission of the application and currently only carries limited weight. In addition the Concept Plan states 'around' 28 dwellings per hectare and it is not a maximum amount. Government guidance used to state that sites should provide 30 to 50 dwellings per

hectare so it is well in line with this. The NPPF paragraph 123 states that policies should optimise the use of land identified for housing as much as possible. The NPPF also states that housing delivery should be maximised. In conclusion it is considered that the density is acceptable as long as the site complies with Policy and distance standards in the Council's Residential Design Guide.

Borough Plan Policy H1 - Range and Mix of Housing states there needs to be a mix of housing types, sizes and tenures based on the need and demand identified in the most up-to-date Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), as well as the characteristics of the surrounding area. The latest SHMA information (2013) recommended greatest need across the Borough for 2 and 3 bedroom properties but it is recognised that there may be a market need for 3 and 4 bedroom properties in this location. The proposal is for a mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses with the predominance of 3 bedroom properties. The Council's Policy Team and Housing Team have no issue with the mix.

The second KDP refers to the central parcel of the site. KDP's 3, 5 and 11 will be dealt with in section seven below. KDP points 4, 6 - 10, 12, 13, 15 - 17 will be dealt with in section nine of this report as they refer to financial contributions. KDP 14 will be dealt with in section six of this report.

The other Policies of the Borough Plan considered relevant are:

Policy *DS1 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development* which states that proposals that accord with the policies in the Borough Plan will be approved without delay unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Policy *DS2* – *Settlement Hierarchy and Roles* identifies Bulkington as having a supporting role for housing, shopping, leisure and local services. Bulkington is considered to be a sustainable location for this scale of development.

Policy *DS4* - Overall Development Needs identifies that at least 14,060 homes are to be planned for over the plan period 2011-2031. The proposed development would contribute 188 homes to the requirement. The latest available five year housing land supply information (April 2019) calculated a five year supply figure of 5.83 years (using the Liverpool method) and delivery of the residential strategic allocated sites will contribute to the supply.

Policy DS5 – Residential Allocations identifies this site as an allocation.

Policy *HS1 – Ensuring the Delivery of Infrastructure* states that development will be required to provide infrastructure appropriate to the scale and context of the site in order to mitigate any impacts of the development and to address the needs associated with the development. Compliance of this will be shown in section nine of this report.

Policy *BE3* – *Sustainable Design and Construction* states development proposals must be designed to a high standard and meets Buildings for Life 12 standards and meets the optional Building Regulations requirement M4(2) for 'accessible and adaptable dwellings' for 35% of the development proposal. An additional document has been provided to confirm it exceeds those standards.

Policy BE3 is to be supported by a Sustainable Design and Construction SPD that provides further detail on the policy requirements. This SPD is not due to be adopted until April. The SPD sets out seven established principles for successful urban design and goes on to provide guidance on matters such as street layout, patterns of

development, residential amenity, size and arrangement and built form. The proposal has mostly curved street design with permeable cycle and pedestrian routes as is sought in the SPD. The proposed house types would be finished predominantly in brick but with some render finishes to add visual interest to the street scene and this also follows the approach given in the SPD. The proposal has public spaces being faced by the front of buildings to provide natural surveillance.

Overall it is considered that the principle of development is already established and together with the submitted information shows that the principle of the development is acceptable.

2. Affordable Housing.

A need for affordable housing is well documented in the Borough, and Policy H2 of the Borough Plan requires 25% of all new developments to be affordable. Discussions have been held between the Applicant and the Housing Team and it is agreed the site will provide 25% affordable housing which is broken up as 77% affordable rented homes and 23% shared ownership homes. The affordable housing is to be a mix comprising: 4 one bed maisonettes; 19 two bed houses; 20 three bed houses and 4 four bed houses.

Whilst affordable units must be pepper potted around the scheme, Registered Social Landlords do like to see groups of affordable housing for ease of maintenance. The scheme proposes that the affordable units are spread across the site into seven groups and it is considered that this provides an even distribution of affordable units. Some of these units are to the extreme west and also close to the northern part of the site but nonetheless these properties are in close proximity to footpath and cycle routes to Bedworth Road and Mill Lane.

In conclusion, it is considered that the affordable housing provision and layout is acceptable and gives significant weight to this application.

3. Impact on Residential Amenity.

The nearest residential properties affected are in Bulkington Road, Severn Road and Mill Lane.

In the majority of cases the proposed layout to the existing houses in Severn Road are back to back e.g. the existing and proposed gardens are between the rear windows of the existing properties and the rear windows of the proposed dwellings. The 20m distance (RDG paragraph 9.3) is met in these cases from the existing houses to two storey proposed dwellings.

There are two 2.5 storey dwellings on the boundary with Severn Road which are plot numbers 11 and 12. There is 26.3m from the back of the proposed dwellings to the rear of the existing houses. For a full three storey dwelling the distance required would be 30m to prevent an oppressive sense of overlooking between windows. The second floor rear windows of these proposed dwellings are roof lights and the actual distance to these within the roof slope is a further 2.6 metres, therefore the distance form window to window is approximately 29m. Furthermore the lowest of the roof lights which is a secondary window to a bedroom has a window sill height of 2.2m therefore there will be no views from this window. The second roof light is to a bathroom and which has an even taller window sill height. As this house type is 2.5 storeys (e.g. rooms in the roof) rather than 3 storeys with a further roof, it is considered that the distance is acceptable.

There are two rear proposed bedroom windows that overlook existing neighbour's rear gardens one is plot 4 to the garden of 147 Bedworth Road. However where the window begins, the distance to the boundary is 7.1m and it therefore complies with the 7m distance set out in the RDG (Paragraph 9.4). There is a similar incidence on plot 50 where there is a rear bedroom window overlooking the rear garden of 44 Mill Lane and the distance is only approximately 6.2m. However in this instance it is towards the top end of the garden towards the rear boundary that will be overlooked and which is well away from the house and most usable private amenity space. The garden to this neighbouring property is relatively long at over 50m.

Plot 4 is side on to 147 Bedworth Road but because of the distance between them neither property impact on the other in relation to impact to rear and front windows nor impact on each other's private amenity space. This is the same with plot 54 and 44 Mill Lane. Similarly plot 21 is to the side of 35 Severn Road but again there is no impact to each other's front or rear windows or private amenity space. However, 35 Severn Road does have a side kitchen window which is now a primary window to the kitchen. Nonetheless, the house design for these neighbouring properties was such that the side window was always intended as a secondary window and the primary window to the kitchen would have been to the rear. This rear opening is now enclosed by a conservatory. The RDG (paragraph 9.1) states that only primary original windows can be protected and which are normally deemed to be the windows that overlook amenity areas e.g. garden. The side window just overlooks the owner's driveway. Therefore whilst the kitchen of this existing property will be impacted upon, the proposal is to the guidance in the RDG.

Plot 33 sides onto the rear gardens and properties of 41 and 43 Severn Road. The distance from the rear of the original properties (not extensions) in Severn Road to the side of the proposed properties is 18.6m. In terms of impact to these neighbours' original windows the distance should be 14m (paragraph 9.5) so the distance complies with the standards .There will no doubt be an impact to these neighbours' rear gardens but the side of the proposed dwellings are set off from the boundaries with these properties by at least 2.9m. In addition the proposal is not the entire length of the rear boundaries of these properties and is north west to it. It is therefore considered that the impact to these existing gardens is acceptable.

There is a similar relationship between 35 Severn Road and the side of plot 32. The distance from the rear of 35 and the side of plot 32 is 14.3m and therefore complies with the RDG of 14m. In addition the side of the proposed house is set off the boundary by 4.4m and the roof to this proposed property is hipped reducing the impact and again the proposal is north west to this property.

It is therefore considered that whilst there will be no doubt an impact to existing residential properties it is considered acceptable and largely in compliance with the RDG and where it is not, there are mitigating circumstances.

The distance standards within the site are largely met, where they are not this is normally across a road and the RDG (paragraph 9.3) states that the distance can be reduced in these circumstances. Other minor infringements as explained above are mitigated by site circumstances.

On plot 162 the rear of this property is slightly in line with the side of plot 161 and the distance is only 12.3m and which should be 14m. However this is only for a very small amount and the nearest ground floor window has views beyond the side of this neighbouring house.

Plots 114 -117 are set further back than the neighbouring property number 113 by 4m. The acceptable maximum step-back would normally be 3m set out in the RDG (paragraph 9.6). However, the 3m distance is where both properties are immediately against one another and there is a 1m gap between these properties which will lessen the impact. In addition plot 114 - 117 is in a northerly direction to this neighbours garden and therefore will not provide overshadowing. The same relationship means that the front living room window of the nearest one bedroom dwelling will be infringed at 45 degrees by the side of plot 113. However this window will have views out towards the car park and open space.

There is only 13m from the rear of plot 125 to the side of plot 142, the distance should be 14m (paragraph 9.5) However plot 142 is not across the entire rear boundary of plot 125 and therefore there will still be views from the ground floor rear window of plot 125.

Some of the rear ground floor windows of the proposed properties will be infringed by garages, however in most cases the infringement is caused by the plots own garage and where this is not the case there is a gap between the rear of the property and the garages. These garages are only 2.4m in height from the ground to the eaves level so is not hugely different to that which could be built with a garden wall. In addition the garages are not the full length of the boundaries.

Overall it is considered that the layout largely complies with the Council's Residential Design and where it is not there are mitigating circumstances.

4. Impact on Visual Amenity.

Section b) of paragraph 170 of the NPPF 2019 establishes the importance of 'recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside'.

Borough Plan Policy *NE5 – Landscape Character* states that it should be demonstrated how the proposal will conserve, enhance, restore or create a sense of place and how a proposal responds positively to the existing landscape character.

The site falls within the Bulkington Village Farmlands Character Area that has been assessed to be of moderate quality and condition with key fringes including hedgerows and hedgerow trees, linear woodland along the railway and some streams and trees and scrub along settlement fringes. These are considered to be common place features for arable farmland.

To establish the impact on the landscape a Landscape and Visual Appraisal (May 2019 Issue C) was submitted with the application and which together with the Borough Plan Policies and pre application meetings have formed the layout of the proposed development. This Appraisal considers the landscape conditions as being poor but that the 'landscape had 'moderate' strength of Landscape Character' and 'medium landscape value'.

The Landscape and Visual Appraisal concluded that providing the new urban edges were reinforced along the western and northern boundary, together with the retention of existing boundary hedgerows that the development would not give 'rise to any unacceptable landscape and visual harm'.

Open space and landscape buffers and the Suds are proposed to the edges of the development to the north, west and south. This is to soften the boundaries to enhance

the approach to the village. The one existing hedgerow to the edge of the site (to Mill Lane) is to be retained

It is therefore considered that the layout will protect the landscape character of the area as much as possible.

The proposed houses are a mixture of design with terraced, semi-detached and detached properties and some 1 bedroom units that give the impression of semi-detached properties. There is a mixture of three specifications of brickwork of six types of brick and which include red brick with buff detailing. These are also broken up further by areas of ivory roughcast render. Elevations will also be broken up by brick soldier coursing to the head and sills of windows with a mixture of canopy roofs to the doors.

The roofs are proposed to be a mix of gables and hips and are to be plain concrete tiles of either peat brown or slate colour which reflects the area. This complies with the Concept Plan that states that roof materials should 'be in recessive colours to help reduce the prominence of urban edges'.

Overall it is considered that there would be no significant harm on visual amenity or landscape character.

5. Impact on Highway Safety

Highways England were consulted on this application and have no objection. WCC Highways have no objection subject to conditions and 106 contributions via a Legal Agreement and Section 278 works.

The site proposes a junction onto Bedworth Road with a designated right hand lane with pedestrian refuge and 2m wide footpath.

Borough Plan Policy *HS2* – *Strategic Accessibility and Sustainable Transport* states where development has transport implications, that this is fully considered.

To this end a Transport Assessment (May 2019 Issue 4) was submitted with the application and concludes that the additional traffic movements would be acceptable and that the proposed site access would be adequate and within capacity.

Borough Plan Policy *DS3* – *Development Principles* states that all new development must be sustainable and high quality and should be fully supported by infrastructure provision. Borough Plan Policy HS2 requires a 15% modal shift to a non-car based mode of transport. NPPF paragraph 102 outlines the need for planning to 'promote walking, cycling and public transport' and to make the fullest possible use of these. NPPF paragraph 103 states that growth should be focused on locations which are or can be made sustainable. The site is considered sustainable and the Developer will be required to pay for bus infrastructure via a Section 278 Agreement for the enhancement of the nearby bus stops as well as contributions towards bus real time information.

The proposal also includes contributions of £375,000 towards the improvement of the Bulkington highway network for the junctions of Rugby Road / New Street, Rugby Road / Withybrook Road / Shilton Lane, Rugby Road/ Arden Road and Nuneaton Road / Cleveland Road.; £237,500 towards the improvement of a footpath/cycle route to Nicholas Chamberlaine School; £30,000 for dropped kerbs to crossing points to the route towards Arden Forest School and the provision of a new toucan crossing on Bedworth Road. All these contributions have been agreed with the Applicant.

With the exclusion of the 1 bedroom dwellings, which have one parking space per dwelling and additional visitor spaces; the proposal provides 2 car parking spaces per dwelling some of the dwellings have additional garages in addition to this. Therefore the provision of parking spaces is considered acceptable.

Overall it is considered that with the relevant conditions and the obligations requested that there would be no significant harm on highway safety.

6. Flooding, Drainage, Contamination, Noise and Air Quality.

In relation to flooding and drainage, the NPPF requires that consideration is given to the potential impact of flooding on new development whilst also ensuring that flood risk is not increased elsewhere as a result of it (paragraph 163). It also sets out a sequential risk-based approach to the location of development to steer this away from the areas at highest risk. Further guidance is provided on flooding and flood risk in the National Planning Practice Guidance. Borough Plan Policy NE4 also deals with Managing Flood Risk.

It is in this context that the applicant submitted a Flood Risk Assessment and Foul Drainage Proposal (FRA) (June 2019) with the application. The site is entirely within Flood Zone 1 which is the least likely to flood. Suds features are proposed to the western and northern edges to provide a brake to discharge water at greenfield run off rates into Severn Trent surface water drains. The Report demonstrates that development would not have any adverse impacts or increase flooding elsewhere and would' inherently significantly reduce uncontrolled overland flows from the development area'.

The Environment Agency, as main river flood authority were consulted and have no objection. Similarly, Warwickshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority; Severn Trent Water and Network Rail were also consulted on this application and have no objection subject to conditions.

The site proposes Suds features to limit the run off flow of surface water. The surface water was originally to run from the Suds via a surface water drain onto Network Rail land which Network Rail were not in agreement to. A subsequent agreement was made with Severn Trent Water for the use of mains drainage but which will require a pumping station due to the site levels.

Similarly a pumping station will be required for foul water which will again make use of Severn Trent Water mains drainage.

Severn Trent Water have no objection to the use of their drains subject to condition and have advised that sewer modelling and capital improvements may be required.

In reference to contamination, the NPPF sets out the need to ensure that contaminated land does not affect the health of the future occupiers of new development (paragraphs 109, 120 and 121). Borough Plan Policy *BE1 – Contamination and Land Instability* also states that land stability and contamination needs to be considered.

It is within this context that the applicant has submitted a Geo-Environmental Assessment (July 2017). This report comprises of a desk-based geo-environmental preliminary risk assessment. This concludes that there are no remediation measures required or hazardous ground gases identified.

The Councils Environmental Health Team (contamination) were consulted during the application process and conclude that no contaminated land conditions are required.

In reference to noise the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should aim to:

"mitigate and reduce to a minimum potential adverse impacts resulting from noise from new development – and avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and the quality of life."

The site is adjacent to a main railway line and a Noise and Vibration Climate Report (revision 2) was submitted with the application. This concludes that the dominant noise is from road traffic on Bedworth Road and short duration of higher noise levels from trains passing the site and that vibration mitigation measure are not deemed necessary for the site.

The Council's Environment Health Team (noise) have deliberated on this assessment and consider that although they are not entirely satisfied that the measures outlined in the report are sufficient to mitigate noise, that nonetheless the scheme can be made acceptable with adequate noise attenuation include glazing and ventilation and they have no objection on this basis subject to condition.

The Council's Environmental Health Team (air quality) responded to say that air quality was reasonably good in the area and the impact was likely to be slight or negligible and therefore an Air Quality Assessment was not required. They therefore responded with no objection subject to conditions for a Dust Management Plan for the construction phase and the fitting of electric vehicle charging points and low emission boilers. These are all considered appropriate conditions.

Borough Plan *Policy HS5 – Health* requires that a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) screening assessment is required. A Health Impact Screening Assessment (February 2020 final) was submitted with the application and concludes that the development would have a positive health effect and designed to provide a high quality and healthy environment for future users and will provide a safe and healthy environment. It also concludes that the nature and scale of the development would not be likely to result in significant impacts on health and wellbeing. It concludes that a full HIA is not required.

In conclusion, it is considered that in terms of contamination that the site is acceptable and that in terms of flooding, drainage, noise and air quality that the proposal can be made acceptable subject to conditions.

7. Landscape Buffers, Allotments, Open and Play space, Ecology and Biodiversity Borough Plan Policy HSG8 has specifications for the 'form of development' these cover the three sites within HSG8 so not all of the requirements are relevant to the northern part of the Allocation. The HSG8 'form of development' states:

18. Landscape buffer along Bedworth Road to enhance the character and approach into the village from the west.

19. Development along Bedworth Road should mirror the existing landscape treatment and scale of development, and should be designed so as to frame views towards the church and refrain from dense planting which may limit views towards the church.

20. Creation of substantial hedgerow with hedgerow trees along northern, western and southern boundary (to be maintained as a Green Belt defensible boundary).

22. Conserve and enhance the pattern of small and medium sized fields bounded by intact hedgerows where possible.

25. All site boundaries should be enhanced through new planting of woodland copses and trees whilst maintaining adequate distances from housing, and all veteran hedgerows should be retained and surveyed prior to development. Species rich hedgerows should be incorporated within areas of open space.

26. Site will require a concept framework to ensure the parcels that make up the site come forward in a comprehensive manner and cohesive manner. Development proposals should be in accordance with the concept plan, including access arrangements.

27. The northern parcel will require a strategic green edge to the north of the boundary to provide a defensible boundary. This area should include open space and the proposed allotments.

The Concept Plan for HSG8 due to be adopted in April states:

3.2.3 Retention and strengthening of existing hedgerows is encouraged adjacent to existing residential properties. These hedgerows should be left as part of residential garden space rather than separate areas of isolated green space.

3.2.4 Soft landscaping and planting should be positioned in front of the development line on the northern parcel of HSG8 where this fronts Bedworth Road. The current building line to both the north and south of Bedworth Road should inform the building line to HSG8 where it fronts this road. This will enable the retention of the boundary hedge to Bedworth Road on the central parcel of HSG8 and will maintain long views of the church tower of St James Church in the village centre from Bedworth Road.

3.2.6 The northern parcel will require a strategic green edge to the north of the boundary to provide a defensible boundary. This area should include open space and the proposed allotments. A structural tree and shrub belt should also be created along the western edge of the site.

3.2.11 The indicative layout aims to create a green route alongside the existing public footpath, with boundary edges on the northern and western edges of HSG8 benefitting from enhanced areas of planting to create well-connected areas of open space. These areas; will contain new pedestrian/cycle paths; will be utilised by wildlife; will provide a valuable amenity space and setting for the residential development of the strategic site; and, will provide natural noise attenuation and screening to the railway line.

3.2.12 Areas of hedgerows on existing site boundaries should be retained and enhanced to minimise the impact on the amenity of existing residential properties.

3.2.13 A linear greenspace will be created, adjacent to the railway line, along the western edge of HSG8...

The houses are to be set back from Bedworth Road with a landscape buffer. Beyond the buffer will be a private driveway to the houses fronting onto Bedworth Road. The proposal therefore complies with points 18 and 19 of Policy HSG8 and 3.2.4 of the Concept Plan.

A linear green space and new planting is proposed to the northern and western boundaries giving a total of 1.47 hectares of open space which will incorporate Suds and a footpath and cycle link through to Bedworth Road to the south and Mill Lane to the north. Therefore the proposal will comply with points 20 and 27 of Policy HSG8 and 3.2.6, 3.2.11 and 3.2.13 of the Concept Plan. The provisions of these linear areas also means the proposal complies with Borough Plan Policy NE1 - Green *Infrastructure* where new development proposals are required to create new and enhance existing Green Infrastructure assets.

In relation to point 22 and 25 which requires the retaining of intact and species rich hedgerows where possible; the proposal seeks the removal of the internal hedgerow. The Ecological Appraisal (May 2019 revision F) submitted with the application states that whilst the two hedgerows on the site have native species which are generally considered to be of principal importance; the hedgerows on the site are not considered to gualify as 'important' under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 and are considered to be species poor, with an overall score quality of 3 for each hedgerow indicating 'moderate ecological value'. Only those with scores of 1 and 2 are considered to be a priority for nature conservation. Borough Plan *Policy SA1 – Development Principles on Strategic Sites also* states that internal hedgerows should be retained if species rich or where they form a link to habitat. As the internal hedge does not fit under this criteria and there is no objection from the Parks Team for its removal, it is considered that the internal hedge removal is justified within these Policies. The second hedgerow to the border to Mill Lane is to be retained and can be protected via condition and therefore complies with the Concept Plan 3.2.12.

The Council's Policy Team have commented on the fact that the boundaries with Severn Road are not to be planted and a buffer provided as required under point 25 of HSG8 which requests planting of woodland and trees to all site boundaries. However Officers consider that this refers to external boundaries rather than boundaries with existing residential development. It is only with the creation of the Concept Plan (refer to 3.2.3 above) that this now appears to include buffers to existing properties including that to Severn Road. As stated this Concept Plan was not created at the time the application was submitted and is indeed not yet adopted and therefore carries little weight. It is therefore considered that refusal on this basis would be difficult to defend at Appeal especially bearing in mind that the distance standards within the RDG are there to protect residential amenity and are largely complied with.

KDP point 5 requires that allotments are provided in this particular site and these were included within the original submitted plans and also show in the Concept Plan. However, in reality the Council's Parks Team responsible for allotments consider that the number of allotments that could be provided would unlikely produce a viable site in terms of numbers of members and would also contradict the allotment strategy that states there should be a minimum of 20 allotments. The Council's Parks Team have spoken to the Bulkington Allotments Association to ask if they would run 10 plots on the site as a satellite site to the existing allotments in Bulkington and the response was that they would not take them on. The Parks Team therefore had concerns about the practicalities of allotment provision on the site in terms of management and viability. However, the Allotment Association stated they would take on new allotments by way of the expansion of the existing allotment site in Bulkington and Parks have confirmed there is scope for further plots to be created alongside the existing ones.

Discussions were held with the Applicant and it was agreed that instead the site would provide an off-site capital contribution of £9,442.30 plus £944.23 towards design and management fees of this capital cost towards the provision of new allotments on the existing allotment site.

There is one further minor advantage of the removal of the allotments on the site which is the removal of a pinch point of the proposed new pathway onto Mill Lane. As the buffer can be increased in this area it has meant that two trees to this boundary that were originally to be removed and which were objected to by neighbours can now be retained.

Policy HSG8 stipulates that play provisions would be in the central part of the Site Allocation as a whole and not within the application site. However, discussions with the Council's Legal Team during the application process showed that this was not practicable to govern across the three land parts within the allocation. This is because the three sites are not coming forward at the same time and could be built at different times meaning that early occupants on the application site would not have the facilities available. Whilst the other land owners could be asked to enter into a legal agreement to provide the park they couldn't be made to provide the park before their own sites come forward. It would also mean that if the proposed new park on the other site was not adopted, that occupiers of this first site would have to enter into a management agreement for facilities off site.

All of these issues were considered by Officers to be unworkable and impracticable and instead discussions with the Applicant led to an agreement for the developer to provide a small children's play area within the site and this is an option agreed by the Council's Parks Team. This provision will be within the Legal Agreement if approved and the type of equipment will be via condition.

The NPPF outlines a need to minimise the impact of proposed developments on biodiversity as well as contributing to and enhancing this where possible (paragraph 170 and 175). It particularly highlights the need to consider the impact on ecological networks, protected wildlife, priority species and priority habitats. Borough Plan Policy *NE3 – Biodiversity and Geodiversity* mirrors the NPPF.

Natural England, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and the Council's Parks Team were consulted during the application process. The Council's Parks Team were also part of the pre application discussions to drive the layout. Natural England have no objection and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust left the assessment to the Council's own Parks Officers in terms of ecology and biodiversity. The Parks Team have no objection to the layout and landscaping plans subject to conditions and a 106 off site contribution towards play and open space.

An Ecological Appraisal (May 2019 rev F) was submitted to assess both habitats and protected species. Habitat Surveys were carried out in 2016 with an updated survey in 2017. Two local off site ponds were DNA tested for Great Crested Newts (GCN) and one proved to be positive. However the report considers that as the pond is 150m away and the intervening habitat is not specific for GCN that it would be unlikely that GCN would migrate from the pond. Notwithstanding this no GCN were recorded during trapping on the site in 2018.

Bat surveys were carried out in 2017 and no bat roosts were found but there was some limited bat activity for foraging and commuting bats. However, the survey concluded that no significant commuting routes were identified within the site and habitats that were to be removed were not considered to be of significant foraging resource. New lighting, or lighting during construction, can affect bat roosts and commuting or foraging routes but it is considered that this can be limited and dealt with via a lighting condition which has been requested by the Council's Parks Team. In addition bird and bat bricks are also proposed via condition. It is considered that in time, the new buffers to the north and west will provide increased foraging with the provision of additional trees, bushes, species rich grassland and Suds features.

No evidence of badgers were found within the site or within 30m of it and the site was considered to not have the structural diversity required for reptiles. The hedgerows were considered suitable for nesting and foraging birds and the hedgerow that is to be removed has recently been reduced to ensure that this is not used during the next nesting season.

A Biodiversity Impact Assessment was submitted and it was proven that subject to conditions the site could be enhanced to provide a net gain.

An Arboricultural Assessment (May 2019 Final) was submitted with the application. This identifies that all of the trees on the site have a classification of C. This classification is for trees of low quality but with a life expectancy of at least ten years. The main trees that are to be removed are within the internal hedgerow that is to be removed and include Elm, Ash and Hawthorn, however the survey of these trees show that they have flail damage from previous cutting of the hedge and include some dead trees. None of these trees are considered worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

In conclusion it is considered that the new proposed landscape buffers, provision for payment towards increasing existing allotments, play and open space, impact on ecology and biodiversity are all acceptable or can be made so via condition. It is also considered that the scheme complies with National Policy, Policy HSG8 and is largely in compliance with the Concept Plan which in any case only has limited weight due to its non-adopted status.

8. Archaeology

Policy BE4 of the Borough Plan, and its supporting text, states that where archaeological sites, or heritage assets are affected by development adequate recording and analysis of the site should be carried out.

An initial desk based study was submitted but WCC Archaeology objected as they considered that trial trenching was necessary prior to determination.

32 trial trenches were carried out and a Written Scheme of Investigation (February 2020) was subsequently submitted. Findings included Roman, Anglo Saxon and medieval pottery, 14th/15th century tile, a brick fragment dated to 1300-1580, possible Iron Age fragments and a windmill dating to the 13th and 15th centuries. Subsequent to the trial trenches and additional report, WCC Archaeology have now removed their objection subject to conditions.

In conclusion, it is considered that in terms of the loss or disturbance of archaeological remains the development is acceptable subject to conditions.

9. Planning Obligations

The NPPF sets out that the planning obligations should be considered where otherwise unacceptable development could be made acceptable. However, paragraph 56 of the NPPF 2019 notes that these obligations should only be sought where they meet all of the following tests:

- a. necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
- b. directly related to the development; and
- c. fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

Paragraph 91 of the NPPF also outlines the need for planning to take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all, and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs.

Section 122 (2) of the CIL Regulations reiterates that a planning obligation may only constitute a reason for granting planning permission for the development if the obligation is compliant with these three tests. It is therefore necessary to have regard to these three tests when considering the acceptability of planning obligations.

Key Development Principles

Many of the Key Development Principles (KDPs) set out in Policy HSG8 refer to contributions including NHS, community facilities, education, transport, highways, toucan crossing, bus infrastructure, sports, open space and parks provision, cycle and footpath links. Provision for these contributions required and in line with the relevant KDPs are below.

Organisation	Request For	Contribution and notes
NHS Joint Health request	Bedworth's Primary Care Network. For more consulting rooms including clinical and non-clinical support.	Total £53,879 Agreed with Applicant.
Bulkington Village Centre	Car park extension; improved WC facilities to the north block and construction of a new function room.	£82,793.32 Agreed with Applicant.
George Eliot Hospital Trust	Provision of healthcare at George Eliot Hospital	£127,438.00 Agreed with Applicant.
NBBC Sports and Leisure	To enhance facilities in the South of the Borough in Bedworth: -£443,888 Agreed with ApplicanEnhancing/refurbishing sports hall provision, changing rooms, fitness facilities, additional water space and community facilities.Agreed with Applican	
NBBC Parks and Open Space	Provision and maintenance of off-site play and open space. Destination Park - Miners Welfare Park – Splash park provision and entrance improvements. Including Design and Management fees @10% Capital Cost, Capital Contribution and to maintain same items. Community Park – Bulkington Recreation ground. Teenage play provision, green gym equipment and path creation. Including Design and Management fees @10% Capital Cost, Capital Contribution and to maintain same items. Local Community Park – To be provided on site by Developer. Children's play provision	Total £235,160.71 (excluding fees if adopting local park on site) Split as: -Capital Total £170,115.10. -Maintenance Total £48,034.10 (excluding on site land local community park). On site land if adopted will be additional £14,697.31 -Design and Management Total £17,011.51. Agreed with Applicant.

	Allotments – Bulkington Allotments. Increase in plot capacity and provide ancillary facilities.	
NBBC Parks	On site Park to be provided for small	Maintenance charge will
and Open	children. Approximate value of	be incurred if adopted.
Space	equipped park to be in the region of	
	£50,000.	Agreed with Applicant.
NBBC	Affordable housing provision at 25% of	Agreed with Applicant.
Housing	total housing number. 26%	
	intermediate/74% social and	
	affordable rent.	
WCC	Rights of Way - Improvements to	Total £8,191
Infrastructure	public rights of way within a 1.5 mile	Considered by NBBC and
	radius of the development site.	Agent not to be CIL
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WCC	Libraries – To improve, enhance and	Total £4,077
Infrastructure	extend the facilities or services of a	Agreed with Applicant.
WCC	specified library service point.	
WCC Infrastructure	Sustainability Welcome Packs - £75	£14,100. To be provided via condition.
mirastructure	per dwelling towards the cost of the	
	provision of information to promote	Agreed with Applicant.
	sustainable travel provided through new dwelling welcome information.	
wcc	Public Transport – Bus stops.	Delivered as part of
Infrastructure	Enhancement of the pair of bus stops	Section 278 Agreement
	on Bedworth Road (B4029) near	highway works
	junction with Severn Road in	arrangements associated
	, Bulkington:	with the proposed new
	1. Supporting Bus Infrastructure:	development.
	A. Bus Stop on Bedworth Road near	However, Section 278
	junction with Severn Road:	included within the 106 to
		provide flexibility.
	 Raised bus boarding area (hard- 	The bus stops to be
	standing, paving and kerbs);	provided immediately on
	 Provision of a Bus shelter; 	occupation so full fee
	 Re-positioning of existing bus stop 	required for these but
	pole;	additional monies to be
	 Rejuvenation of the bus stop 	taken off the rest of the
	clearway box markings within the	bus infrastructure or
	existing lay-by;	signalised crossing.
	Provision of a 'No Parking' sign to	
	be attached to the existing bus stop pole; and	
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	B. Bus Stop on Bedworth Road	
	opposite junction with Severn Road:	
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	standing, paving and kerbs);Provision of a Bus shelter;	

WCC Highways	Footpath /cycle way improvement - To enable the implementation and improvement of cycle and pedestrian routes, links and connections between the development site and connection with Nicholas Chamberlaine School and Bedworth Town Centre.	25% for Local Plan Quantum)
WCC Highways	Bulkington Village Highway network (details required) Rugby Road / New Street, Rugby Road / Withybrook Road / Shilton Lane, Rugby Road/ Arden Road and Nuneaton Road / Cleveland Road	£375,000 Agreed with Applicant.

10. Conclusion

The NPPF promotes a presumption in favour of sustainable development, and in line with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that decisions should be made in line with an adopted Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The site is allocated in the Borough Plan for residential development as a Strategic Allocation and therefore the principle of development has been established and agreed by the Planning Inspectorate. This provides considerable weight in favour of the application. Similarly does the provision of 25% affordable homes. The site is deliverable and already has an agreed developer and it is anticipated that the site can be brought forward relatively soon to assist with the provision of the five year land supply.

There is no doubt that the proposal will impact on the adjacent properties in Severn Road and to an extent in Mill Lane. However the proposal does comply largely with the Residential Design Guide in terms of distance standards to both these existing neighbours and within the site. The proposal is also considered acceptable in terms of visual amenity as it provides landscape buffering to the urban edge.

WCC Highways have no objection to the scheme subject to contributions via a legal agreement and via Section 278 works and the proposal will bring forward substantive contributions to road improvements within Bulkington as well as contributions to provide a cycle route to Nicholas Chamberlaine School, a toucan crossing and improvements under the 'safe walking route to schools' scheme as well as improvements to bus stops and libraries.

The site will also contribute towards the Primary Care network within the area, George Eliot Hospital Trust and contributions for community facilities for improvement works at Bulkington Village Centre.

The Council's Parks Team have no objection to the layout and to the loss of the hedgerow in the middle of the site. They also consider that biodiversity and ecology is acceptable within the site subject to conditions and have no objection to the landscape buffers that have been provided. Whilst the Concept Plan and Policy HSG8 required allotments on this site, the Parks Team requested that money was paid instead towards improving existing services. In addition the site will provide a small children's play area which is over and above what is required on the site. The Concept Supplementary

Planning Document (SPD) also requires a buffer to Severn Road which has not been provided. However the SPD is not yet formally adopted so carries limited weight.

In conclusion it is considered that the scheme is acceptable subject to the conditions below.

REASONS FOR APPROVAL:

Having regard to the pattern of existing development in the area, relevant provisions of the development plan, as summarised above, and the consultation responses received, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions attached to this permission, the proposed development would be in accordance with the development plan, would not materially harm the character or appearance of the area or the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience.

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS:

1. The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

2. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved plans contained in the following schedule:

Plan Description	Plan No.	Date Received
Location Plan	001	18 th June 2018
Site Layout	003 Rev R	13 th March 2020
Planning Layout	101 Rev C	13 th March 2020
Boundary Treatments Layout	005 Rev I	13 th March 2020
Acoustics Upgrades Layout	008 Rev F	13 th March 2020
Materials Layout	004 Rev H	13 th March 2020
Swept Path Analysis and large van	108-1 Rev C	13 th March 2020
Swept Path analysis Fire Appliance & Fire hose	108- 2 rev A	24 th Feb.2020
Swept Path analysis – MPV	108-3 Rev B	24 th Feb. 2020
Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal POS sheet 1	7323-L-01 Rev H	17 th March 2020
Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal POS sheet 2	7323-L-02 Rev H	17 th March 2020
Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal on plot sheet 1	7323-L-03 Rev H	16 th March 2020
Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal on plot sheet 2	7323-L-04 Rev H	16 th March 2020
Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal on plot sheet 3	7323-L-05 Rev H	16 th March 2020
Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal on plot sheet 4	7323-L-06 Rev H	16 th March 2020
Archaeological Desk Based Assessment	Nov. 2017 (updated Nov. 2018) Rev v.1.1 Nov 2018	18 th June 2018 3 final
Archaeological Evaluation Report	Sept 2019 V1	2 nd October 2019
A written Scheme of Investigation For an Archaeological Evaluation	Feb 2020 Issue 3.	18 th Feb.2020
Health Impact Screening Assessment	Feb. 2020 Final Issue 1	20 th Feb.2020
Ecological Appraisal	May 2019 Rev F	18 th June 2018
Appendix E Bat Survey Report	May 2019 Rev C	18 th June 2018

Flood Risk Assessment With Foul Drainage Proposals	June 2019 6190/R1_rev-	18 th June 2018
(Excluding outfall from site for surface	e water discharge)	
Email from applicant ref S104	8378981_dated 09/03/202	20
Report on Existing Noise & Vibration	Rev 2	18 th June 2018
Climate (excluding appendix 1)		
Phase 1 Geo-environmental Assessment (Desk Study)	July 2017 6190/R1	18 th June 2018
Phase 2 Geo-environmental	Dec 2017 6190/R2	18 th June 2018
Assessment (Site Investigation)		
Transport Assessment	May 2019 Rev 4	18 th June 2018
House Type –Willow	AA31 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Janford	NA49 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Canford	PA25 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Flatford V1	PA33 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Flatford V2	PA33-2 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Gosford V1	PA34 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Gosford V2	PA34-2 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Bentford	NA30 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Easedale V1	PT36 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Easedale V2	PT36 – 2 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type – Amersham	PD30 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Braxton	NB31 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Lydford	PA42 Rev D	13 th March 2020
House Type –Wortham V1	ND43 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Wortham V2	ND43 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Trusdale	NT41 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Lanford	NA43 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Bayswater (Floor Plans)	BAY1 Rev C	13 th March 2020
House Type –Bayswater (Elevations)	BAY2 Rev C	13 th March 2020
Single and Double Garages	GAR Rev C	13 th March 2020

3. No development including site clearance shall commence until a Construction Management Plan showing, details to prevent mud, debris and obstructions on the highway, compound location, contractor parking arrangements and schedule of HGV delivery times, is submitted and approved by both the Council and Highway Authorities. The Approved Construction Management Plan shall be implemented in full for the lifetime of the construction period.

4. No development including site clearance shall commence until a Dust Management Plan is submitted and approved prior to works commencing on site. The approved Management Plan is to be adhered to during the construction process.

5. No development including any site clearance shall take place in any phase, until a Construction Ecological Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The approved CEMP shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The CEMP shall include details of:

a. any pre- construction checks required;

b. the species safeguards to be employed;

c. appropriate working practices and timings of construction works;

d. site clearance methods;

e. the extent of buffer zones and stand-offs for sensitive ecological features; and

f. what to do if protected species are discovered during construction.

g. details of any lighting to be used during site clearance and construction. Should such lighting be porposed the scheme should have input from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist to outline how the lighting scheme avoids potential negative effects upon the habitats used by foraging and commuting bats. The scheme will include a lighting contour lux diagram demonstrating that there will be no increased light reaching ecological habitat and corridor areas.

h. Details of the body or organisation responsible for the implementation and ongoing management, monitoring and remedial actions of the plan, including the mechanism for funding.

The CEMP shall also include details of a suitably qualified Ecological Clerk of Works to oversee implementation of the CEMP and address any contingency measures where appropriate. The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details. The above conditions for Ecological works monitoring arrangements including a timetable covering all key stages and on site actions including what operations an ecologist will be present at and routine submission of written reports including dated photographic records of works and visits at each key stage. The above conditions conform to the British Standard BS 42020:2013 Biodiversity: Code of Practice for Planning and Development.

6. No development including any site clearance shall take place until a Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The approved BEMP will set out a programme of management for the newly created ecological habitats in perpetuity. The content of the method statement shall include the:

a) Purpose and objectives for the proposed work;

b) Detailed design and/or working method(s) necessary to achieve stated objectives;

c) Extent and location of proposed works shown on appropriate scale maps and plans;d) Timetable for implementation, demonstrating that works are aligned with the proposed phasing of construction;

e) Provision of gaps in fences to provide movement for hedgehogs.

f) Persons responsible for implementing the BEMP.

The works shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

7. No development including site clearance shall commence until an Arboricultural Method Statement has been submitted and approved in writing by the Council. No tree or hedgerow other than those shown within the approved landscaping and layout drawings shall be removed unless otherwise agreed. No construction works shall commence until measures for the protection of the trees and hedges to be retained have been provided and approved in writing by the Council and the agreed measures are to be implemented in full during the course of development. The scheme shall conform to BS5837:2012.

Any tree or plant (including any replacement) which, within a period of five years from the implementation of that phase, dies, is removed or becomes seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced in the next planting season with another of a similar size and species unless the Council consents in writing to any variation

8. Access to the site from the public highway shall not be made other than at the positions identified on the approved drawing, number 2968/003 Rev R. No access shall be used until constructed in accordance with the approved plans and the specification of the Highway Authority.

9. No development shall commence until full details of the construction of the roads serving the development including footways, private drives and means of accessing

individual plots, drainage (including the outfalls) and levels of the car parking and manoeuvring areas as shown on the approved plan have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority in consultation with the Highway Authority. The site shall not be occupied until the areas have been laid out and substantially constructed. Such areas shall be permanently retained for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles

10. No development shall commenced until visibility splays have been provided to the vehicular access to the site, passing through the limits of the site fronting the public highway, with an 'x' distance of 4.5 metres and 'y' distances of 90.0 metres to the near edge of the public highway carriageway. No structure, tree or shrub shall be erected, planted or retained within the splays exceeding, or likely to exceed at maturity, a height of 0.6 metres above the level of the public highway carriageway.

11. Junction visibility splays shall be provided within the site, passing through the limits of the site fronting the highway, with an 'x' distance of 2.4 metres and 'y' distances of 25.0 metres to the near edge of the carriageway. No structure, tree or shrub shall be erected, planted or retained within the splays exceeding, or likely to exceed at maturity, a height of 0.6 metres above the level of the carriageway.

12. No development shall take place until a detailed surface water drainage scheme for the site, based on sustainable drainage principles, the approved FRA, and an assessment of the hydrological and hydrogeological context of the development, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council in consultation with the LLFA. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed. The scheme to be submitted shall:

- Demonstrate that the surface water drainage system(s) are designed in accordance with 'The SuDS Manual', CIRIA Report C753.
- Limit the discharge rate generated by all rainfall events up to and including the 100 year plus 40% (allowance for climate change) critical rain storm to the runoff rate of 5 I/s for the site, or as further restricted by the surface water pumping arrangement and capacity of the Severn Trent Water network.
- Demonstrate the provisions of surface water run-off attenuation storage in accordance with the requirements specified in 'Science Report SC030219 Rainfall Management for Developments'.
- Demonstrate detailed design (plans, network details and calculations) in support of any surface water drainage scheme, including details of any attenuation system, and outfall arrangements. Calculations should demonstrate the performance of the designed system for a range of return periods and storm durations inclusive of the 1 in 1 year, 1 in 2 year, 1 in 30 year, 1 in 100 year and 1 in 100 year plus climate change return periods.
- Provide plans and details showing the allowance for exceedance flow and overland flow routing, overland flow routing should look to reduce the impact of an exceedance event. Demonstrate that flow routes do not increase surface water flood risk in the event of a surface water pumping failure.
- Provide evidence to show an agreement from Severn Trent Water to connect to the existing surface water network. The pumped rate for the surface water system must be shown to be acceptable to the receiving sewer and evidence provided of any capacity improvement works required by Severn Trent Water.

• Profiles of balancing ponds to be agreed (by the LLFA and NBBC Parks) and evidenced by cross section so as to incorporate shelves in profile so egress from water is relatively easy if anyone enters and gets into difficulties.

13. No development shall commence until details for the disposal of foul sewage have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is first brought into use. Due to the size of this development a sewer modelling study may be required to determine the impact this development will have on the existing system and if flows can be accommodated. Severn Trent may need to undertake a more comprehensive study of the catchment to determine if capital improvements are required. If Severn Trent needs to undertake capital improvements, a reasonable amount of time will need to be determined to allow these works to be completed before any additional flows are connected.

14. No development shall commence until a programme of archaeological fieldwork and associated post-excavation analysis and report production detailed within the submitted document called "Written scheme of investigation for an archaeological excavation on land at Bedworth Road, Bulkington Warwickshire February 2020" by MOLA Northampton is undertaken. A report detailing the results of this fieldwork, and confirmation of the arrangements for the deposition of the archaeological archive will be submitted to the Council.

15. No development shall commence until full details of the site levels and finished floor levels have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. No construction work shall be carried out other than in accordance with the approved details.

16. No development shall be carried out other than to the drawing titled Drainage Strategy SW & FW Pumping Station drawing number 18038-6 _rev – received on the 2nd March 2020 unless agreed otherwise by the Council in consultation with Severn Trent Water; Network Rail and the LLFA.

17. No development above ground level shall commence until a Landscaping Strategy Management Plan (LSMP) indicating a scheme for the long-term management of open space, green infrastructure and planting within the public realm and details of biodiversity management has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The open space, green infrastructure and planting shall thereafter be managed in accordance with the approved Landscape Management Plan, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council.

18. No development above ground level shall take place until details of the on site provision of a younger equipped children's play and signage and including 'green network' cast fingerpost signage has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council.

19. No development above ground level shall commence until a scheme for the permanent lighting of the housing and associated access roads, parking areas and open spaces has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The lighting scheme should demonstrate that it avoids light spill and potential negative effects upon ecology and habitat areas - with input to the scheme from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist - and as evidenced on lighting contour diagrams that include 5, 1, 0.5 and 0.3 lux contours. The scheme and plan must demonstrate that there will be

no increased light reaching ecological habitat and corridor areas from permanent lighting - including from all new lighting for adopted highway. Full details of lamp columns, luminaires, cowls / shrouds etc must be submitted. The scheme should also take into account the guidance of the 2018 Bat Conservation Trust and Institute of Lighting Professionals Joint Guidance publication. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved details.

20. No development above ground level shall commence until details of noise attenuation scheme, including glazing and ventilation details, to meet the standard for internal and external noise levels as defined in table 4 and paragraph 7.7.3.2 of BS8233:2014 (including consideration of maximum sound levels in line with the World Health Organisation's Guidelines for Community Noise) has first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The dwelling shall not be occupied other than in accordance with the approved details.

21. No development above ground level shall commence until a scheme for the provision of adequate water supplies and fire hydrants, necessary for fire fighting purposes at the site, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The development shall not be occupied until provision has been made in accordance with the approved details.

22. No development above ground level shall commence until details of the specification for bird bricks and bat bricks and their precise locations within buildings, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. (It is suggested that this will be for a fifth of properties for bird bricks and a fifth for bat bricks though one of each type can be provided on a property. These should be concentrated on the outer perimeter near habitat areas and away from direct sources of artificial lighting. The detail of the bricks must be integral to the fabric of the buildings) The approved bricks shall be installed before the occupation of that plot.

23. Within 12 months of works commencing on site the improvements to the bus stops fronting the site on Bedworth Road shall be completed.

24 The development shall be provided with Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points at a rate of; one charging point per dwelling with dedicated parking and one charging point per 10 spaces for unallocated parking and ensure appropriate cabling is provided to enable increase in future

25. No occupation and subsequent use of the development shall take place until a detailed maintenance plan is implemented and provided to the Council giving details on how surface water systems shall be maintained and managed for the life time of the development. The name of the party responsible, including contact name and details shall be provided to the Council within the maintenance plan.

26. No dwelling shall be occupied until the visibility splays from the vehicular access to that plot, passing through the limits of the site, adjacent properties fronting the fronting the highway and the highway, have been provided in accordance with the approved plans. No structure, tree or shrub shall be erected, planted or retained within the splays exceeding, or likely to exceed at maturity, a height of 0.6 metres above the level of the carriageway.

27. No dwelling shall be occupied until the relevant domestic gas boiler to that plot is installed to be low NOx emission type that meet a minimum standard of less than 40 mg NOx/kWh.

28. No dwelling shall be occupied until details of Sustainable Welcome Packs (including public transport information) has been submitted and approved in writing by the Council for each phase. The approved packs shall be provided prior to the first occupation of that dwelling.

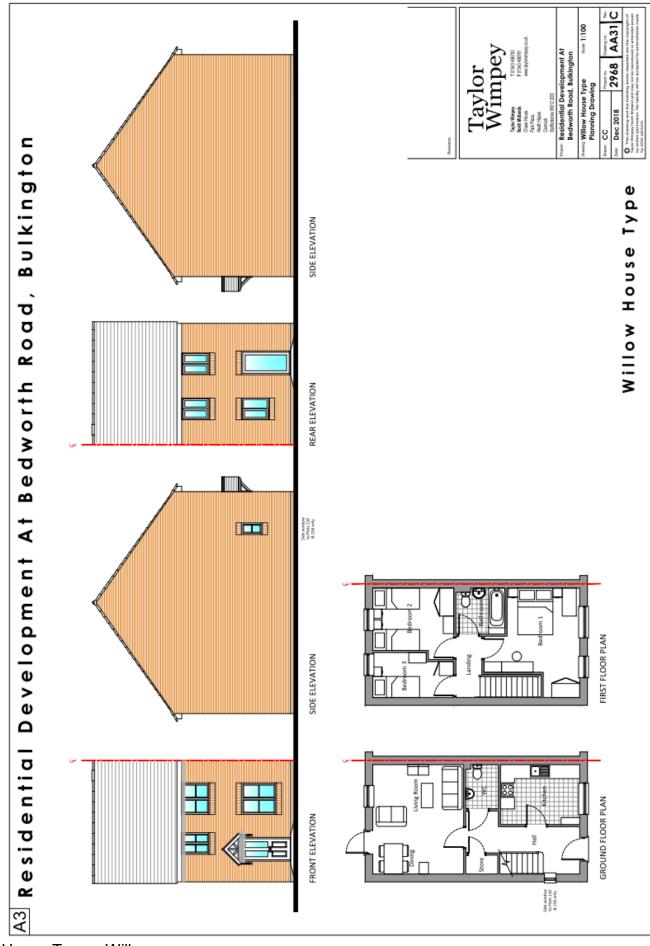
29. No structure, tree or shrub shall be erected, planted or retained within the shown pedestrian inter-visibility splays exceeding, or likely to exceed at maturity, a height of 0.6 metres above the level of the footway.



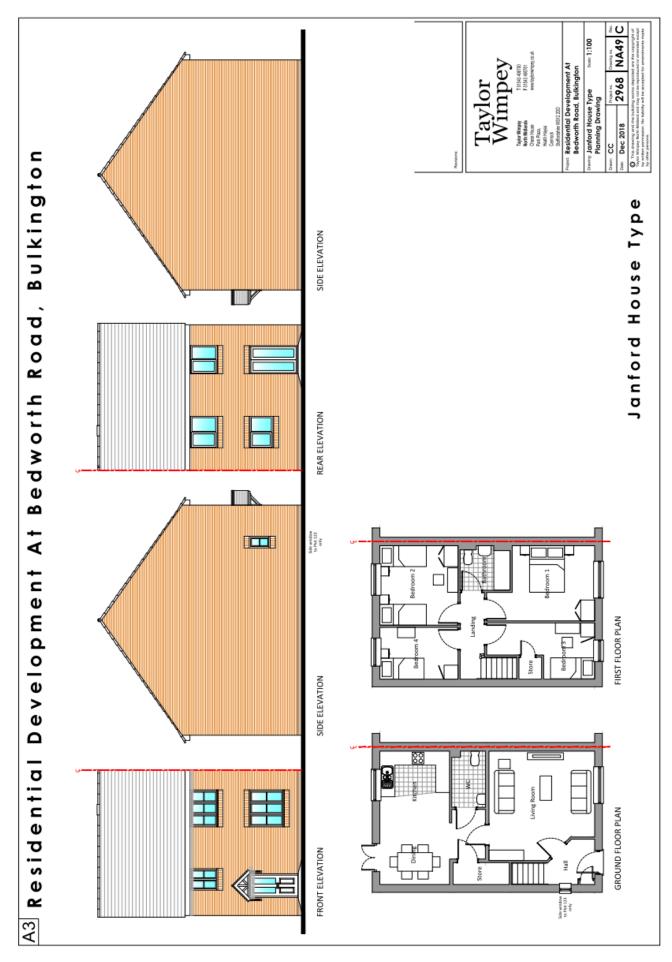




Site Layout



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House Type - Janford



House Type - Canford



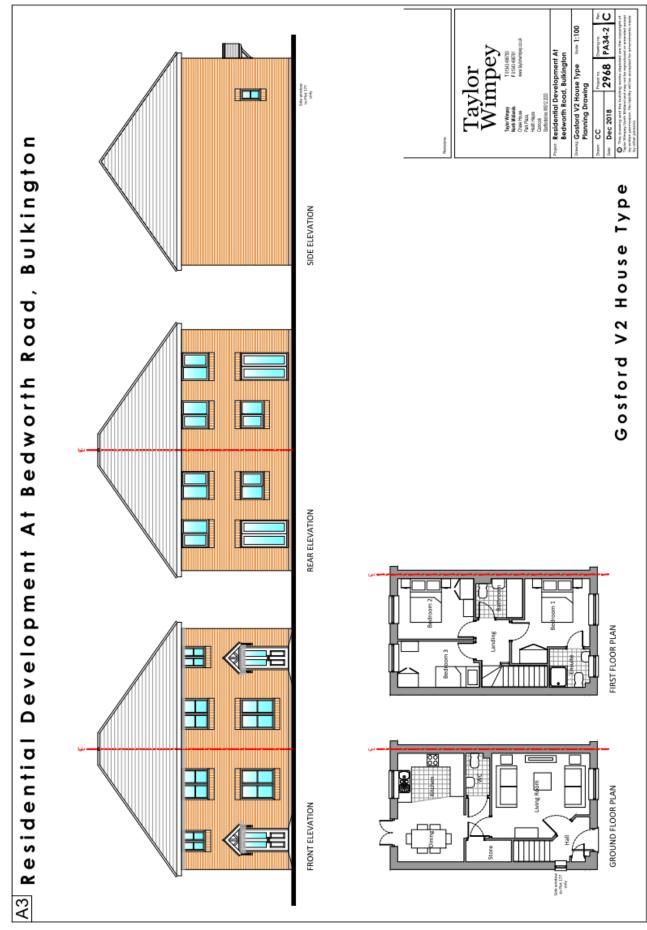
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House Type – Gosford V1



House Type – Gosford V2



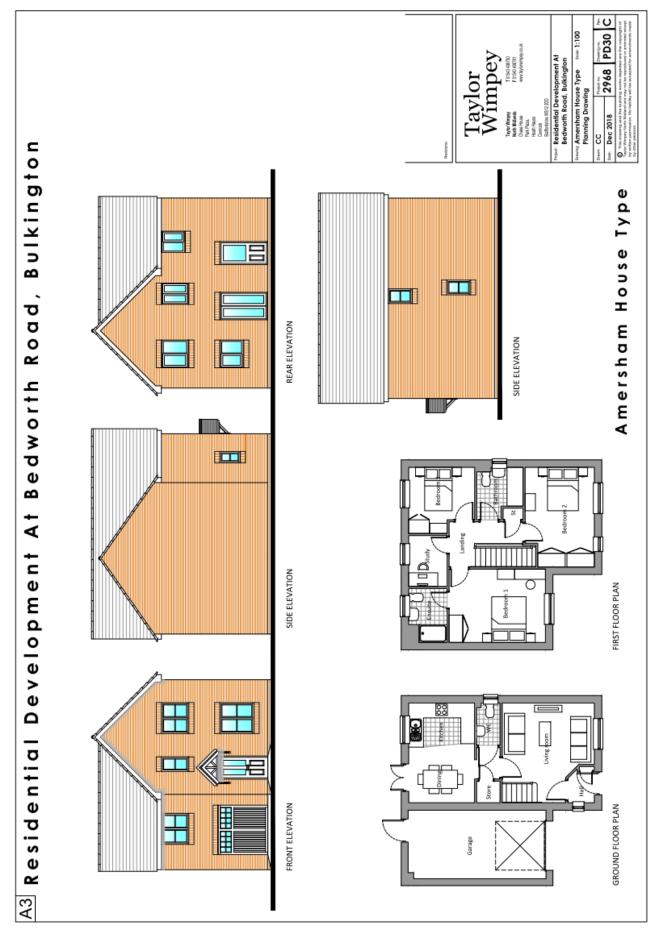
House Type - Benford



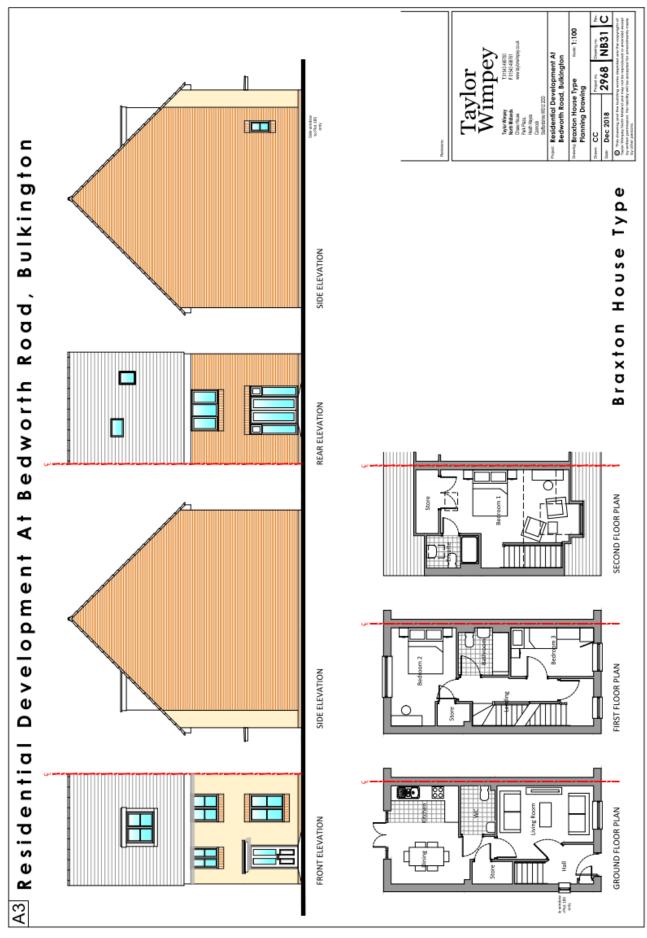
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House Type – Easedale V2



House Type – Amersham



House Type – Braxton



House type - Lydford



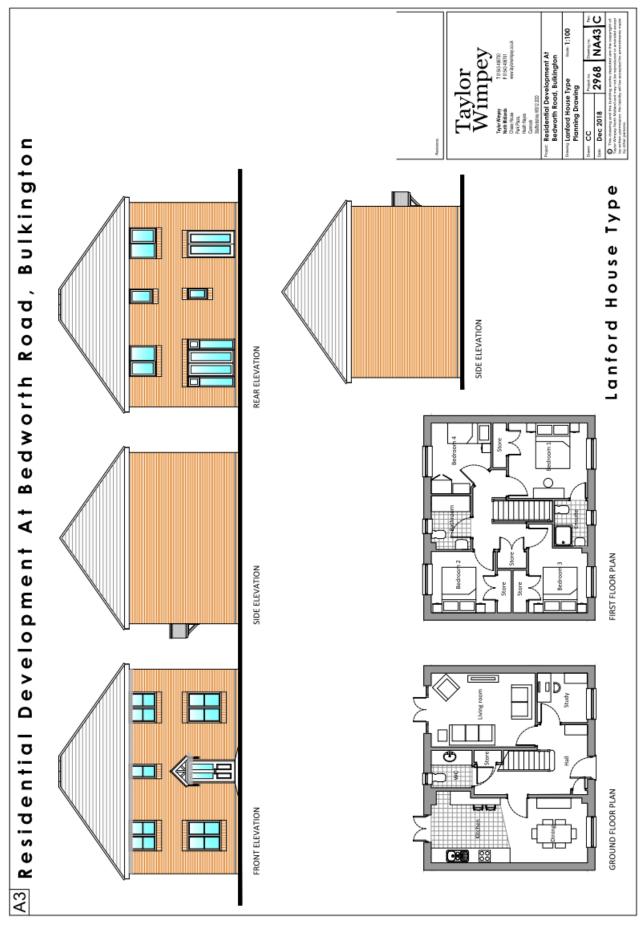
House Type – Wortham V1



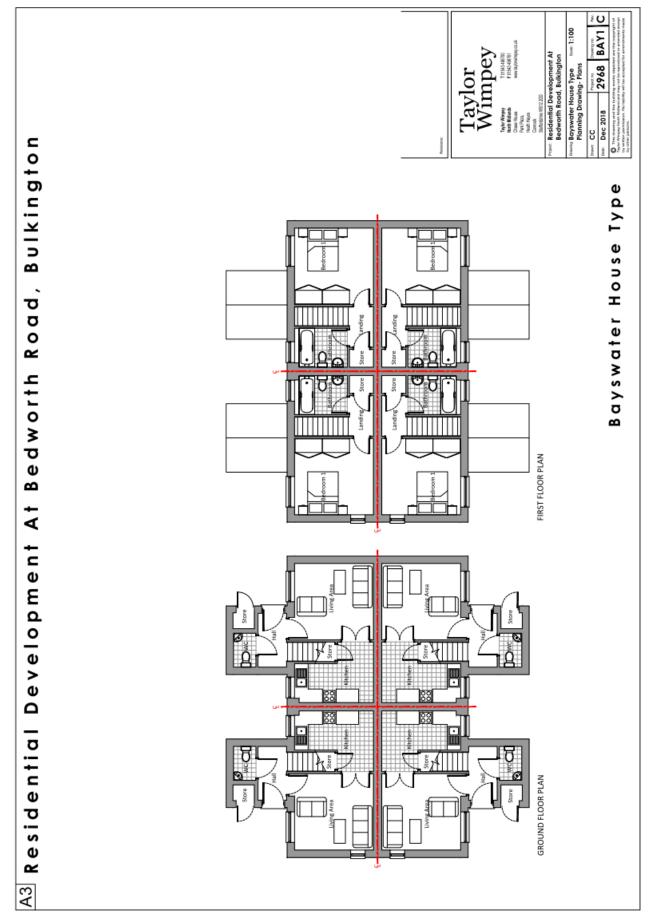
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House Type – Trusdale



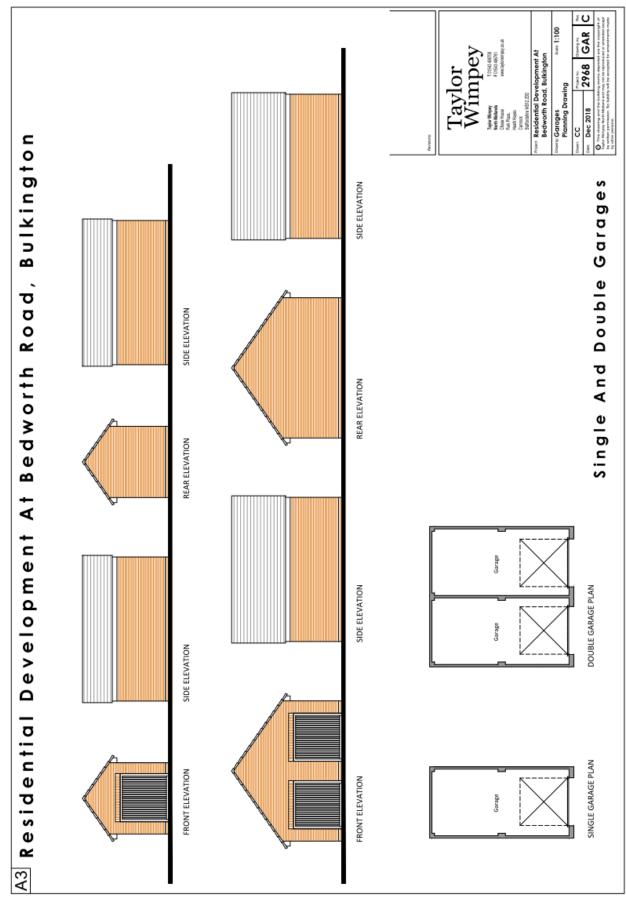
House Type – Lanford



House type - Bayswater



House Type – Bayswater



Single and Double Garages

Item No. 2

REFERENCE No. 036813

Site Address: 55 Toler Road, Nuneaton, CV11 5EP.

Description of Development: Change of use of existing 10 bedroom HMO (Sui Generis) into 6 No. new self-contained apartments (C3).

Applicant: Mr A Kelly.

Ward: AB

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Committee is recommended to grant planning permission, subject to the conditions printed.

INTRODUCTION:

The application is for the change of use of an existing 10 bedroom house in multiple occupation (HMO) which is Class Use Sui Generis into 6 new self-contained apartments which is Class Use C3 at 55 Toler Road, Nuneaton.

55 Toler Road is a two storey end of terraced property. The property is currently used as a 10 bedroomed HMO. Currently the property has a small external garden area, and a single storey building at the end of the garden area, however this building is not included in the red line of the application site. The neighbouring properties to the west are also residential terraced properties. To the east of the property is Aston Park Industrial Estate, and to the rear is the site for Exitile Access Ltd, across Toler Road to the property is the Abbey Junior School.

The property itself is comprised of red brick with white stone lintels above the window. The roof is gabled to the front and back, and the gable extends to the adjoined side neighbours. The roof is red tiles, with decorative ornamental ridge tiles. This property is of a slightly different design to the neighbouring residential dwellings. There is a 1.6 metre high wall and fencing between the property and Aston Park Industrial Estate and a 1 metre high wall to the adjoined neighbour 53 Toler Road.

The property has a wide history of applications relating to different residential uses. In 2004 there was an application for the property to have a change of use from a home for the elderly to a domestic dwelling. This was considered acceptable and granted permission in September 2004 (ref TP/0515/04). There was an application in 2003 for a change of use from a .Guest House to a home for 6 people with learning difficulties, this was approved in March 2003 (ref TP/0045/03). There was an application for the conversion of the first floor of the building to be converted into two self-contained flats, this was refused in February 2003 (ref TP/0635/01). The building was converted to a Guest House in November 1985 (ref 0256629).

BACKGROUND:

This application is being reported to Committee at the request of Councillor Julie Jackson.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

- 006290 (TP/0515/04) change of use from home for the elderly to domestic dwelling. Approved 2004.
- 000631 (TP/0045/03) change of use from guest house to home for 6 people with learning difficulties. Approved 2003.
- 007700 (TP/0635/01) Conversion of first floor to two self-contained flats. Deemed refused. 2003.
- 029025 (TP/0300/88) Kitchen and Dining room extension to guest house. Approved. 1988.
- 025629 (850650) Change of use to guest house. Refused. 1986.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES:

- Policies of the Borough Plan 2019:
 - DS1 Presumption in favour of sustainable development
 - BE3 Sustainable design and construction
 - Supplementary Planning Guidance / Supplementary Planning Documents.
- Affordable Housing SPD 2007.
- Residential Design Guide 2004.
- National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF).
- National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG).

CONSULTEES NOTIFIED:

NBBC Environmental Health, NBBC Housing, NBBC Planning Policy, NBBC Private Housing, WCC Highways.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Objection from: WCC Highways

No objection from: NBBC Environmental Health.

No response from: NBBC Planning Policy, NBBC Housing and NBBC Private Housing.

NEIGHBOURS NOTIFIED:

Aston Road Garage and 53 Toler Road.

Neighbouring properties were sent letters notifying them of the proposed development on the 11th December 2019.

NEIGHBOUR RESPONSES:

There have been no responses from neighbours.

APPRAISAL:

The key issues to assess in the determination of this application are;

- 1. Appropriateness of the Use.
- 2. Impact on Residential Amenity.
- 3. Impact on Visual Amenity.
- 4. Impact on Highway Safety.
- 5. Conclusion.

1. Appropriateness of the Use

Although the proposal seeks to go from Sui Generis to C3 the overall use of the property will not alter significantly. A HMO is still a residential use for multiple people, as will the proposed flats. Therefore it is not considered that a C3 use will be unacceptable, as the property has been used previously for C3 uses. The surrounding industrial uses are light industrial and not considered to have a detrimental impact on residential properties. NBBC Environmental Health were consulted on the application, but no objection was received on the proposal.

2. Impact on Residential Amenity

The proposal does not seek to alter the external area or size of the building, therefore in relation to the neighbouring properties it is not considered that there will be any impact on their residential amenity. Therefore the proposal is not considered to be contrary to paragraph 9 of the Residential Design Guide.

3. Impact on Visual Amenity

The proposed change of use includes a few minor external alterations this includes the removal of the chimneys and the installation of one front facing second floor window and one rear facing second floor window. There are three roof lights proposed on the side elevation and two on the rear elevation. At ground floor the existing side door is proposed to be altered to a window. These proposed changes are not considered to significantly alter the character of the property, other than the removal of the chimneys. However the removal of chimneys is an alteration which can be made under permitted development for dwelling houses, it is not considered that removing the chimney will cause a significant detrimental impact on the street scene. Similarly the alterations of the windows will not cause a detrimental impact on the surrounding area, there are a number of different uses in the immediate area and with that a range of different buildings. Therefore it is not considered that there is a set character in which the building must retain. Similarly the proposed windows are covered by permitted development. Therefore of what can be assessed under paragraph 8 of the Residential Design Guide the proposed alterations are considered acceptable.

4. Impact on Highway Safety

WCC Highways were consulted on the application. The response received was one of objection for the reason of there being no demonstration that there is existing capacity on the highway network to accommodate the proposed development. However under assessment of the application as a whole it is considered that the change of use would not result in a more intensified use than the current use as a HMO. Therefore little weight is being given to this objection as overall the intensity of the use of the building is not considered to detrimentally increase the impact on the highway.

5. Conclusion

It is considered that there will be no detrimental impact on residential or visual amenity from the change of use. Although there is a highway objection, as mentioned above little weight is being given to this objection due to the intensity of the use not increasing and therefore there not being a significant impact on the highway. The proposed use is considered acceptable within the local area and for the building itself. Therefore the proposal is recommended for approval.

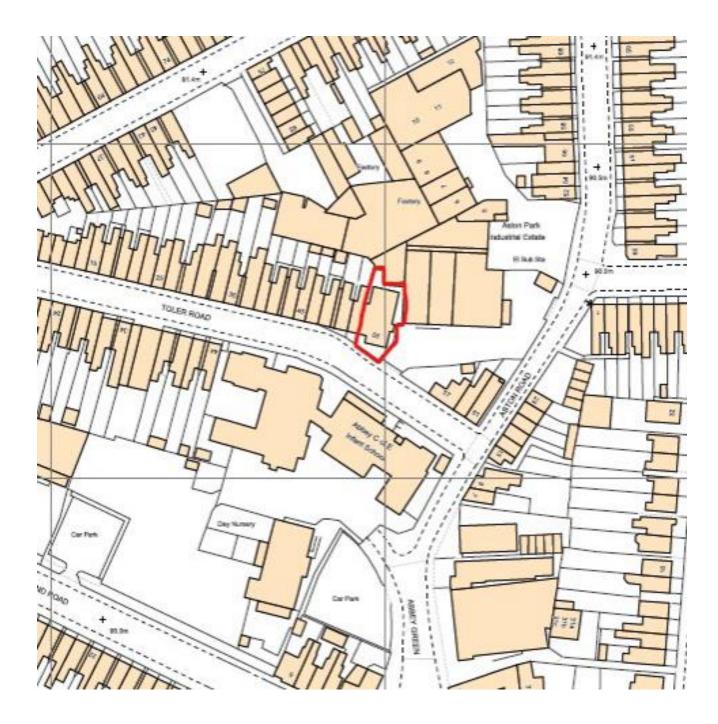
REASONS FOR APPROVAL:

Having regard to the pattern of existing development in the area, relevant provisions of the development plan, as summarised above, and the consultation responses received, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions attached to this permission, the proposed development would be in accordance with the development plan, would not materially harm the character or appearance of the area or the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience.

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS:

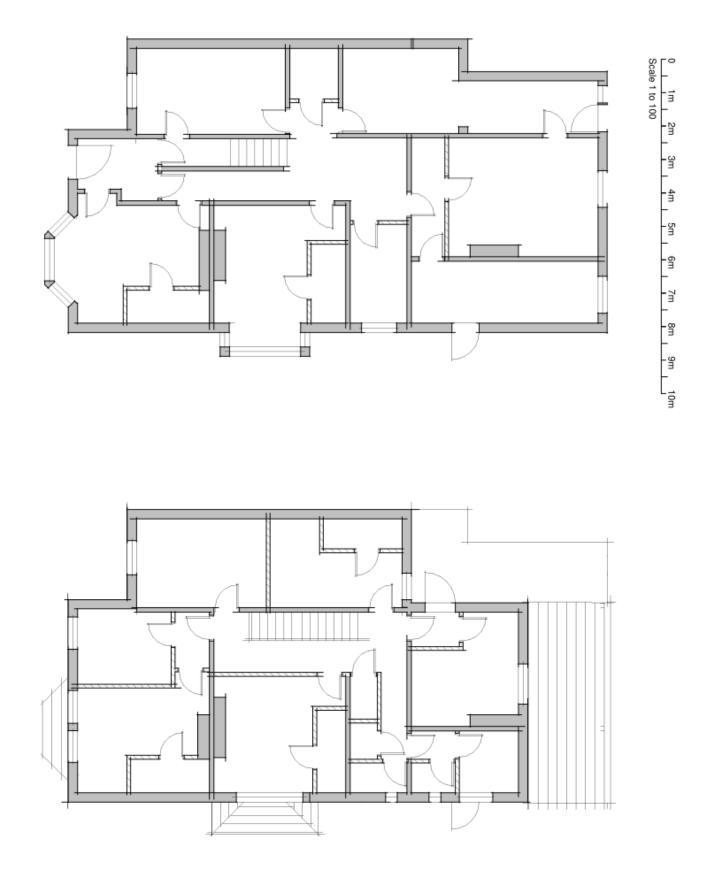
2. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved plans contained in the following schedule:

Plan Description	Plan No.	Date Received
Location Plan	001	22 nd November 2019
Existing and Proposed Floor Plans	19094-102-B	22 nd November 2019
Existing and Proposed Elevations	19094-101-A	22 nd November 2019

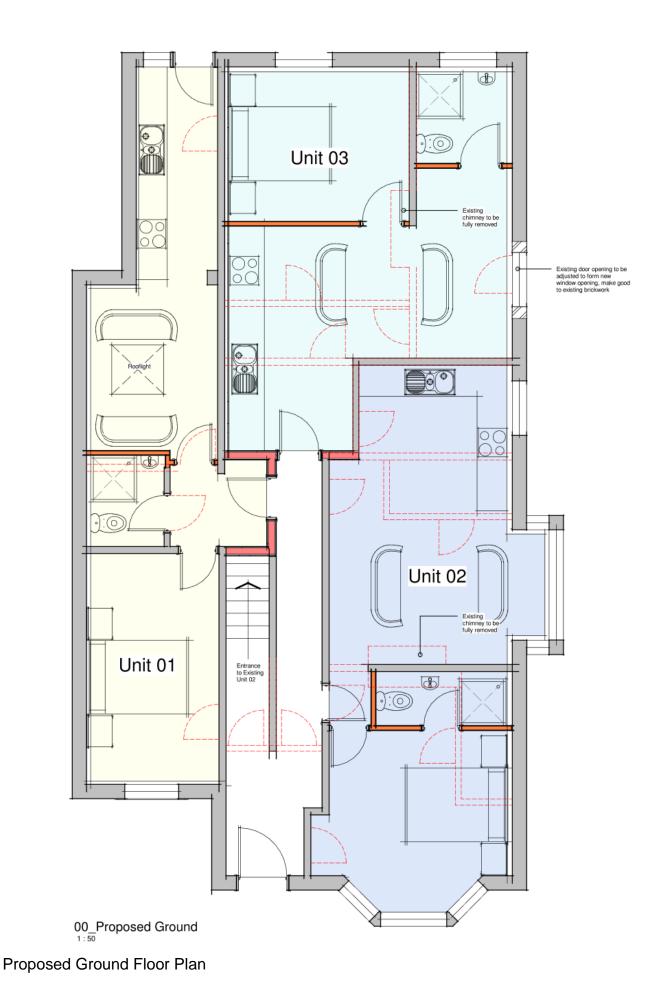


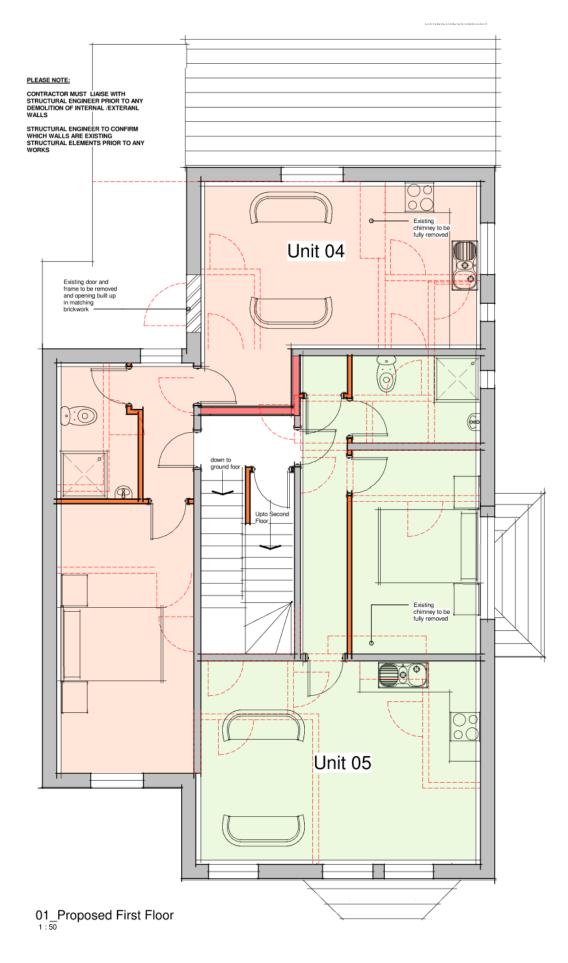


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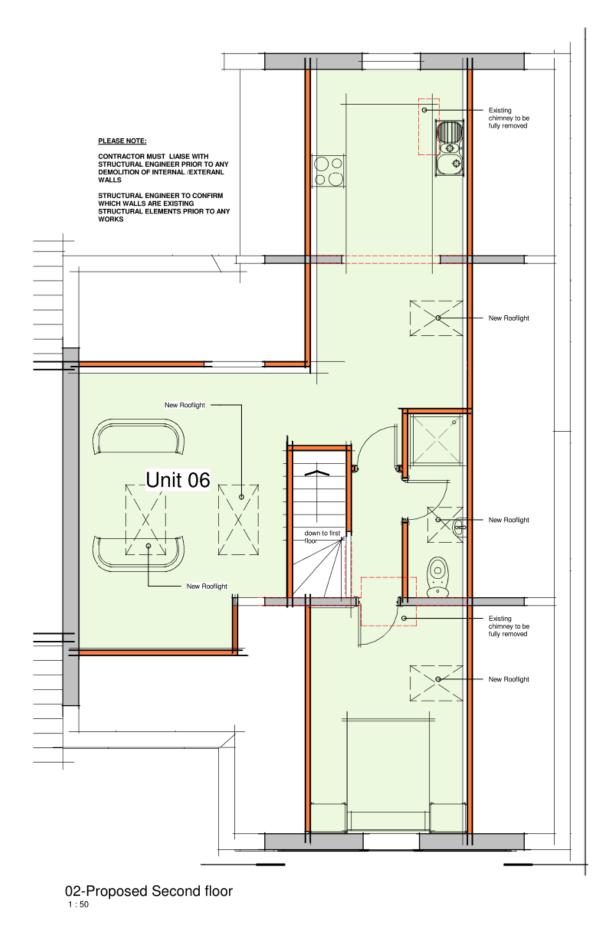


Existing Floor Plans





Proposed First Floor Plan



Proposed Second Floor Plan

Item No. 3

REFERENCE No. 036991

Site Address: 'Picture This' 56 Aston Road Nuneaton Warwickshire CV11 5EJ.

Description of Development: Application for prior approval for conversion from offices to 5 self contained flats.

Applicant: Sleek Property Limited.

Ward: AB

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Committee is recommended to state that prior approval is not required, subject to the conditions printed.

INTRODUCTION:

The application seeks approval for prior approval for conversion from offices to 5 self contained flats, at 'Picture This' 56 Aston Road Nuneaton Warwickshire CV11 5EJ.

The application site is a two storey semi-detached property, currently classified as an office, set on the street frontage at 56 Aston Road, Nuneaton.

Neighbouring the site towards the North exists 58 Aston Road, the adjoining two storey, attached property, characterised by buff brick, set on the street frontage.

Neighbouring the site towards the South exists 54 Aston Road, the neighbouring two storey semi-detached property characterised by light brown render, with a garage.

The street scene consists of mainly semi-detached and terraced properties, which are largely set on the street frontage with on street parking. The street is narrow and congested with parked cars.

BACKGROUND:

This application is being reported to Committee at the request of Councillor Jill Sheppard.

The developer must apply to see if the prior approval of the Authority is required as to the following impacts; the transport and highways impacts, the contamination risks; flooding risks on the site and impact of noise on the intended occupiers of the development.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

 036719. Application for Notification for Prior Approval for Proposed Change of Use from Office (B1a) to dwelling house (C3). Prior approval not required in 2019. 036484. Application for proposed change of use from commercial to an 8 bedroom house in multiple occupation (HMO) (Sui Generis use class) and alterations to the front elevation. Refused by Committee in 2019 (

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES:

- Policies of the Borough Plan 2019:
 - DS1 Presumption in favour of sustainable development
 - BE3 Sustainable design and construction
 - Supplementary Planning Guidance / Supplementary Planning Documents.
- Affordable Housing SPD 2007.
- Residential Design Guide 2004.
- National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF).
- National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG).

CONSULTEES NOTIFIED:

Environment Agency, NBBC Environmental Health and WCC Highways.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

No objection subject to conditions from: NBBC Environmental Health.

No response from: Environment Agency and WCC Highways.

NEIGHBOURS NOTIFIED:

53, 54 and 58 Aston Road.

Neighbouring properties were sent letters notifying them of the proposed development on the 25th February 2020.No site notice was erected for the application.

NEIGHBOUR RESPONSES:

There have been no objections.

APPRAISAL:

The key issues to assess in the determination of this application are;

- 1. Impact on Highway Safety.
- 2. Impact from Contamination.
- 3. Impact on Flood Risks.
- 4. Impact of Noise on Future Occupiers.

1. Impact on Highway Safety

Although the proposed application includes new bedroom space, the previously submitted application for conversion of the property to a HMO included a consultation to highways, where they stated the development would not have a severe impact on

the public highway. Highways were consulted for 21 days in this application consultation process and did not provide any response. Therefore there are no highways concerns for this application, and as the previous application was more intensive for the site, it can be concluded that this application will have a lower detrimental impact on highways than the previous 8 bedroom HMO proposal which elicited no objection.

2. Impact from Contamination

NBBC Environmental Health were consulted and had no concerns over the impact on contaminated land on the proposed future use as for 5 self-contained residential units.

3. Impact on Flood Risks

The Environment Agency were consulted on the scheme but have made no response. The site is within Flood Zone 1, meaning it is at the lowest risk of flooding.

It is therefore considered that there would be no significant impact on or from flood risk.

4. Impact of Noise on Future Occupiers

NBBC Environmental Health were consulted and have some concern over the impact of noise for future residents. However, they are content as long as conditions can be added to the decision relating to the installation of glazing and ventilation. With these conditions it is considered that there should be no significant adverse impact from noise on future occupiers.

5. Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposal for the conversion to 5 self-contained flats at 56 Aston Road, would not have a negative impact on highway safety, contamination, flood risk, or noise.

Therefore, on balance, as there are no objections, and there is no demonstrable harm to the proposed future occupiers of the site, prior approval is not required subject to conditions.

REASONS FOR APPROVAL:

Having regard to the pattern of existing development in the area, relevant provisions of the development plan, as summarised above, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions attached to this permission, the proposed development would be in accordance with the development plan, would not materially harm the character or appearance of the area or the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience.

Therefore prior notification is not required for this application.

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS:

- The development must be carried out exactly in accordance with the details submitted to the Council on 24th April 2018 unless the Developer and Council agree otherwise in writing.
- The development must be completed on or before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this letter informing you that prior approval is **required and granted**. This is in accordance with Part 3 Class O of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015.
- 3. The developer must notify the Council in writing of the completion of the development as soon as reasonably practicable after completion. This

notification must include the name of the developer, the address or location of the development and the date of completion.

4. No occupation of the residential use shall be carried out until glazing and ventilation has been installed in accordance with plan reference A.01 VD20380.

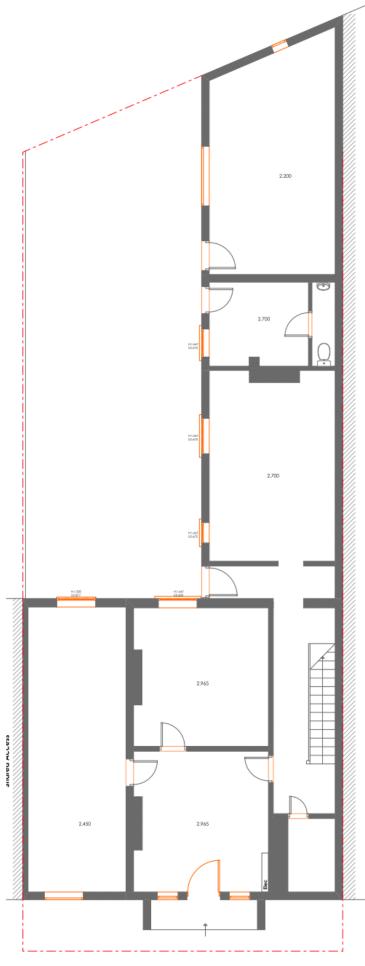


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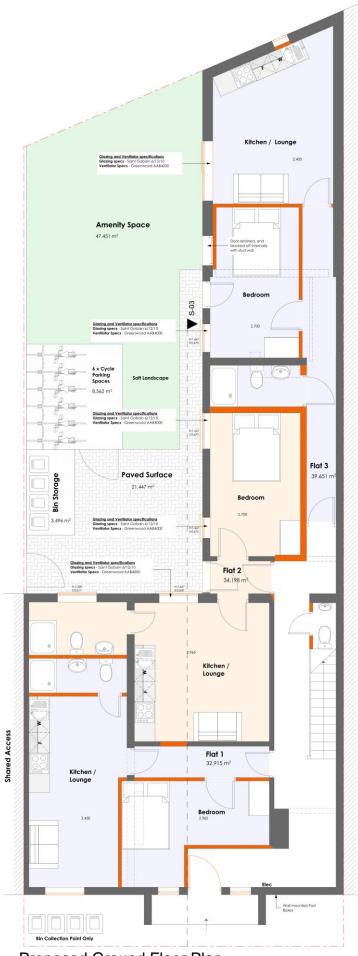




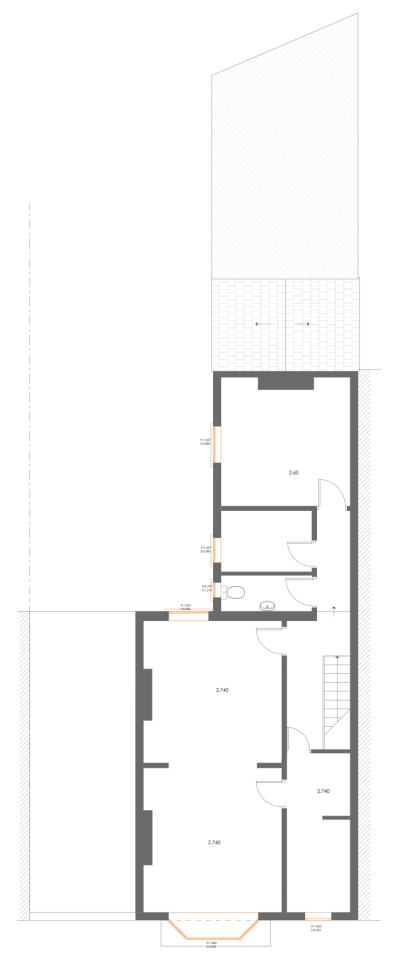
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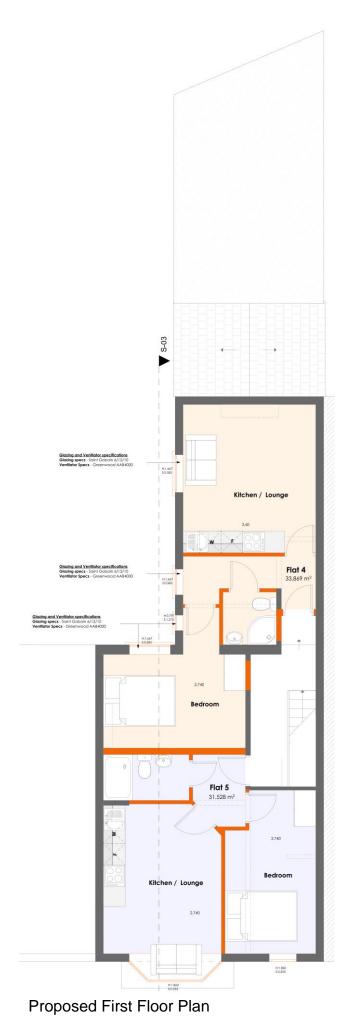
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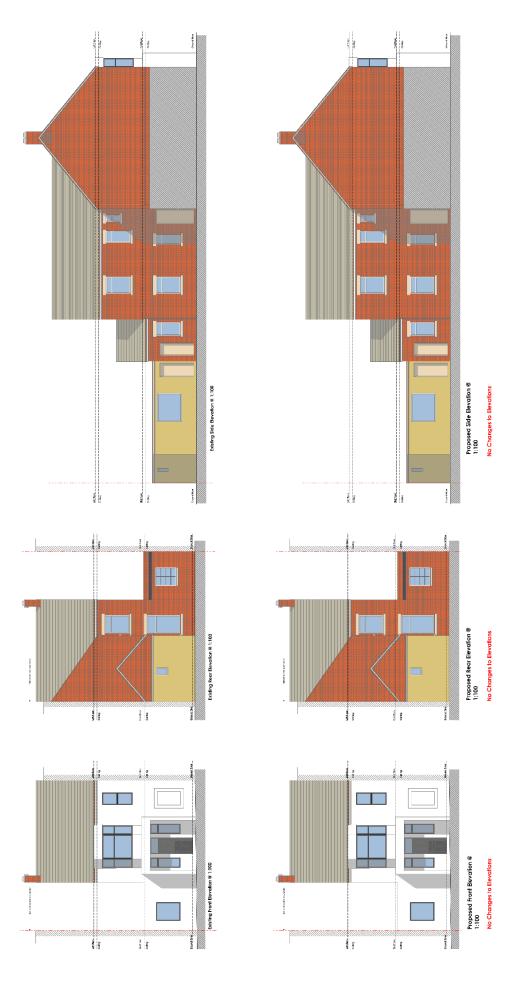


Proposed Ground Floor Plan



Existing First Floor Plan





Existing and Proposed Elevations.

Item No. 4

REFERENCE No. 036712

Site Address: 6 Ribbonbrook Nuneaton Warwickshire CV11 4LN.

Description of Development: Fell Lime Tree known as T2 of Tree Preservation Order 11/97.

Applicant: Mr Peter Beasley.

Ward: AT

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Committee is recommended to refuse the tree works, for the reasons as printed.

INTRODUCTION:

Fell Lime tree known as T2 of Tree Preservation Order 11/97 at 6 Ribbonbrook, Nuneaton, with no replacement.

The applicant has proposed the felling of the Lime Tree located in the rear garden of the property at 6 Ribbonbrook, and to not provide a replacement tree.

The tree is large and is visible from both the street scene and the Public Park at the rear of the property.

BACKGROUND:

This application is being reported to Committee at the request of Councillor June Tandy.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

• 012597. Removal of epicormic trunk & branch growth & thin crown by 20% to T2 of TPO 11/97. Tree works agreed 2008.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES:

- National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF).
- National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG).

CONSULTEES NOTIFIED:

NBBC Parks and Countryside.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Objection from:

NEIGHBOURS NOTIFIED:

5 and 7 Ribbonbrook.

Neighbouring properties were sent letters notifying them of the proposed development on the 15th October 2019. A site notice was erected on street furniture on the 16th October 2019.

NEIGHBOUR RESPONSES:

There has been 1 letter of support from 1 address. The comments are summarised below;

- 1. Tree causes damage to neighbouring garden.
- 2. Tree does not enhance the neighbourhood.
- 3. Tree at number 8 was felled.

APPRAISAL:

The key issues to assess in the determination of this application are;

1. Impact on visual amenity

1. Impact on Visual Amenity

In regard to the supply of housing land, The Council cannot demonstrate a deliverable, five-year supply of housing land.

The tree in question along with the neighbouring trees at the rear of the properties on Ribbonbrook were covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) in 1997. To create a TPO the trees must be assessed as being an important landscape feature which offers significant amenity to the wider public. When assessing proposed works to a tree covered by a TPO the following are taken into account; the tree's visibility to the public, its condition, age and remaining life-expectancy, its function within the landscape and ultimately its importance to the local environment. The advice from the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) on Tree Preservation Orders and trees in Conservation Areas is that the Local Authority should assess the impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area and whether the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons and additional information put forward in support of it.

The TPO covers five Lime trees in Ribbonbrook, four of which are located in the rear gardens of 3, 6, 8 and 11 Ribbonbrook. The tree at the rear of 8 Ribbonbrook has been subject to previous applications for felling which were refused. However, a further application in 2018 for the felling of this neighbouring tree was recommended by Officers for refusal but was approved by Committee subject to the provision of a replacement tree. However, a replacement tree could not be agreed upon and a subsequent application was submitted to fell the tree and not to provide a replacement. This was recommended by Officers for approval due to the previous recommendation of Committee and was subsequently approved by Committee in 2019. However, it is not considered that a precedence for the removal of the surrounding trees has been set.

The NBBC Parks Officer was consulted on the application, initial comments received stated that the reasons given for felling the tree; light entry; scale in relation to the property and detritus that falls from the tree, are not factors which justify as reasons for the removal of a tree. There was also no further information or indication within the

initial application that the tree is diseased or susceptible to significant breakage, and although it was requested, no further technical evidence was provided on the application. The Council's Tree Officer also advised that:

"Regarding amenity value: if maintained as mature trees the garden trees can be viewed by the public from Ribbonbrook Road and do contribute aesthetically despite being partially obscured by the housing. However, viewed from the Nuneaton's adjacent destination park the garden lime trees can be seen by a large volume of the public and contribute significantly towards breaking up the converging artificially straight lines (of housing and fencing) that surround them and, as such, I believe a significant visually detrimentally discordant and dissonant scene would be created by the removal of these trees, at least those nearest the park (which would include this tree).

For the reasons above I cannot recommend removal."

The above response was argued by the applicant who stated that:

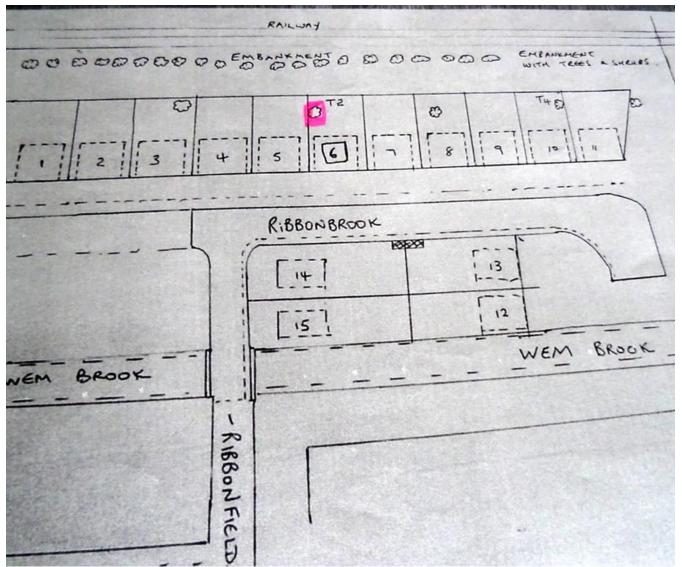
"I would like to point out a number of inaccuracies in the report made by your Tree Officer. This tree cannot be seen by people walking in the park. The reason being is that it is obscured from view by the railway embankment, a fact clearly seen if your officer had been to view the tree. Ribbonbrook is a cul de sac, not a through road, there are no passing pedestrians to view the tree, which would only be visible by looking down the side path. Therefore the amenity value is very low."

Within the assessment of the application to fell the tree at 8 Ribbonbrook it was stated that:

"the loss of the individual tree may not have significant harm...this could lead the way to the loss of the whole row, which cumulatively would lead to a detriment of the overall visual amenity of the area".

REASONS FOR REFUSAL:

It has not been adequately demonstrated that the tree is no longer worthy of a Tree Preservation Order. There is no technical evidence to suggest the health of the tree is compromised and it was assessed that the tree still provides amenity value to the local landscape.



Position of tree



View from Ribbonbrook



View from rear garden

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Use Class	Use	Permitted Change	Use Class	Use	Permitted Change
AI _{Shops}	Shops, retail warehouses, post offices, ticket and travel agencies, sale of cold food for consumption off premises, hairdressers, funeral directors, hire shops, dry cleaners, internet cafes	Temporary permitted change (3 years) to A2, A3, B1, public library, exhibition hall, museum, clinic or health centre (interchangeable with notification) Permitted change of A1 or mixed A1 and dwellinghouse to C3 (subject to prior approval) (see also 2018 Order) Permitted change to A2 (see also 2016 Order) Permitted change to A3 (subject to prior approval) (see also the 2018 Order) Permitted change to A3 (subject to prior approval) (see also the 2018 Order) Permitted change to B1(a) offices (subject to prior approval) Permitted change to B1(a) offices (subject to prior approval)	B I Business	 a. Office other than a use within Class A2 b. Research and development of products or processes c. For any industrial process (which can be carried out in any residential area without causing detriment to the amenity of the area) 	Permitted change to B8 BI(a) office permitted change to C3 (see 2015 and 2016 orders) Temporary permitted change (3 years) to AI, A2, A3, public library, exhibition hall, museum, clinic or health centre (interchangeable with notification) Permitted BI change to state-funded school or registered nursery (and back to previous lawful use) (subject to prior approval) Permitted change from BI(c) light industrial to C3 (temporary permitted development right: prior approval application must be determined / expired without determination by 30 September 2020).
	Banks, building societies, estate and	Permitted change from <u>Al to mixed use (Al or A2 & up to 2 flats</u>); and from mixed use (Al & up to 2 flats) to <u>Al or A2</u> Temporary permitted change (3 years) to <u>Al</u> , <u>A3</u> , <u>Bl</u> , <u>public library</u> ,	B2 General industry	Industrial process other than that falling within Class BI	Permitted change to BI and B8
A2 Financial and professional services	employment agencies, professional services (not health or medical services)	exhibition hall, museum, clinic or health centre (interchangeable with notification) Permitted change from A2 or mixed A2 and dwellinghouse to C3 (subject to prior approval)	BB Storage or distribution	Use for storage or as a distribution centre	Permitted change to BI
		<u>Permitted change to A3 (</u> subject to prior approval) <u>Permitted change to BI(a) offices</u> (subject to prior approval) <u>Permitted change to D2</u> (subject to prior approval)	CI Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses (where no significant element of care is provided)	Permitted change to state-funded school or registered nursery (and back to previous lawful use) (subject to prior approval)
		Where there is a display window at ground floor level, permitted change from A2 or mixed use (A2 & up to 2 flats) to mixed use (AI & up to 2 flats) or AI Permitted change from A2 to mixed use (A2 & up to 2 flats); and from mixed use (A2 & up to 2 flats) to A2	C2 Residential instituations	Residential accommodation and care to people in need of care, residential schools, colleges or training centres, hospitals, nursing homes	Permitted change to state-funded school or registered nursery (and back to previous lawful use) (subject to prior approval)
A3 Food and drink	Restaurants and cafes	Permitted change to AI or A2 Temporary permitted change (3 years) to AI, A2, BI, public library, exhibition hall, museum, clinic or health centre (interchangeable	C2a Secure residential institutions	Prisons, young offenders' institutions, detention centres, secure training centres, custody centres, short term holding centres, secure hospitals, secure local authority accommodation, military barracks	Permitted change to state-funded school or registered nursery (and back to previous lawful use) (subject to prior approval)
		with notification)	P2 Dwelling	Uses as a dwellinghouse (whether or not as main residence) by:	Permitted change to C4
Drinking establishments	Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments	Permitted change to or from a use falling "within Class A4 with a use falling within Class A3" ("drinking establishments with expanded food provision")	UU houses	A single person or by people to be regarded as forming a single household Not more than 6 residents living together as a single household where care is provided for	
A5 Hot food takeaways	For the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises	Permitted change to <u>AI. A2</u> or <u>A3</u> Temporary permitted change (3 years) <u>to AI. A. A3. BI. public library.</u> <u>exhibition hall. museum. clinic or health centre</u> (interchangeable with notification)	C4 Houses in multiple occupation	residents; or Not more than 6 residents living together as a single household where no care is provided to residents (other than use within Class C4)	
		<u>Permitted change to BI(a) offices</u> (subject to prior approval) <u>Permitted change to C3</u> (subject to prior approval)		Use of a dwellinghouse by 3-6 residents as a 'house in multiple occupation' (HMO NB: Large HMOs (more than 6 people) are unclassified therefore sui generis	Permitted change to C3

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Use Class	Use	Permitted Change	Use Class	Use	Permitted Change
DI Non- residential institutions	Clinics, health centres, creches, day nurseries, schools, non-residential education and training centres, museums, public libraries, public halls, exhibition halls, places of worship, law courts	<u>Temporary permitted change (3 years) to AI, A2, A3, BI</u> (interchangeable with notification)	SUI Generis	installations, betting offices, pay day ified use	<u>Casino to A3</u> (subject to prior approval) <u>Casino to D2</u> <u>Amusement centre or casino to C3</u> (subject to prior approval) (see also 2018 Order)
D2 Assembly and leisure	Cinemas, concert halls, bingo halls, dance halls, swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums, other areas for indoor and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms	Permitted change to state-funded school or registered nursery (and back to previous lawful use) (subject to prior approval) Temporary permitted change (3 years) to AI, A2, A3, BI, public library, exhibition hall, museum, clinic or health centre (interchangeable with notification)	(uses which do not fall within the specified use classes above)		Betting office or pay day loan shop to <u>AI</u> , <u>A2</u> , <u>A3</u> , <u>D2</u> (subject to prior approval) Betting office or pay day loan shop to mixed use <u>AI</u> and up to <u>2</u> flats (if a display window at ground floor level), or mixed <u>A2</u> and up to <u>2</u> flats, or mixed use betting office or pay day loan shop and up to <u>2</u> flats Betting office, pay day loan shop or launderette to <u>BI(a)</u> offices (subject to prior approval)
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			OTHER Changes of use	Agricultural buildings	Permitted change to C3 (subject to prior approval) (the <u>provisions</u> of the 2015 Order must be read with the <u>provisions of the 2018</u> Amendment Order and 2019 Amendment Regulations). Flexible changes to AI, A2, A3, BI, B8, CI, D2 (subject to limitations and prior approval process): new use is sui generis Permitted change to state-funded school or registered nursery (subject to prior approval)