From: Michelle Marshall [mailto:Michellelm@stowmarket.org] Sent: 19 September 2014 11:23 To: Planning Admin Subject: Planning applications

Please see below for comments from Stowmarket town Council regarding recent planning applications:

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2742/14	The demolition of forty-two dwellings and 10 garages and erection of sixty-two affordable dwellings with associated external works and parking.	Kingsmead Road, Kingsmead Close, Lydgate Close and	RESOLVED: That no objection be raised to the grant of planning permission, however, the Town Council wishes to make the following recommendations: i) That the proposed parking spaces to be created on the green space opposite the Wolsey Road shops be removed; ii) That he green space opposite the Wolsey Road shops be reduced in size to allow Wolsey Road to be widened by one metre; iii) That the width of Wolsey Road be widened by one metre to allow car parking on both sides of the road; iv) That Wolsey Road be converted into a one-way road; and v) That the developers take steps to ensure that car parking is not able to take place on any grass verges as it leads to damage to the verges which becomes extremely unsightly.

Kind regards, Michelle

Michelle Marshall Deputy Town Clerk

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Your Ref: MS/2742/14 Our Ref: 570/CON/2230/14 Date: 30th September 2014 Enquiries to: MartinEgan Tel: 01473 264757 Email: martin.egan@suffolk.gov.uk

The District Planning Officer Mid Suffolk District Council Council Offices 131 High Street Needham Market Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8DL

For the Attention of: Elizabeth Truscott

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Dear Sir

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 CONSULTATION RETURN MS/2742/14

 PROPOSAL:
 The demolition of forty-two dwellings and 10 garages and erection of sixty-two affordable dwellings with associated external works and parking at Location: Land at St Marys Road, Kingsmead Road, Kingsmead Close, Lydgate Close and Silverdale Avenue, Stowmarket

 LOCATION:
 Land at, St Marys Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk

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Notice is hereby given that the County Council as Highway Authority make the following comments:

Although the Highway Authority has no objection in principle to the redevelopment the submitted details relating to car parking are not acceptable.

The area of Kingmead Close in front of plots 14 to 21 is adopted highway. It is not therefore possible to allocate car parking for plots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21 on the public highway. These plots will require car parking positioned within their curtillage or in a parking court.

In addition to the above the applicant / developer will also be required to replace all the frontage footways along Kingsmead Road, Silverdale Avenue, Lydgate Road and St Marys Road where new dwellings are proposed. The existing footways and verges are likely to receive significant damage during the demolition and rebuilding process. Also they are generally concrete construction (not a current footway construction material) and it will not be possible or practical to achieve a good finished surface once all the new accesses are created and the old accesses removed.

There are also a number of trees proposed within the existing highway verges. These should be located clear of the highway areas within front gardens.

Please inform the applicant of my comments and I shall await revised details in due course. If the applicant is unwilling to revise the scheme then the application will likely receive a highways recomendation for refusal due to insufficient car parking.

Yours faithfully

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Mr Martin Egan Development Management Engineer Highway Network Improvement Services Economy, Skills & Environment

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Elizabeth Truscott Planning Department Mid Suffolk District Council 131 High Street Needham Market IP6 8DL

24/09/2014

Dear Elizabeth,

RE: 2742/14 The demolition of forty-two dwellings and 10 garages and erection of sixty-two affordable dwellings with associated external works and parking. Land at St Marys Road, Kingsmead Road, Kingsmead Close, Lydgate Close and Silverdale Avenue, Stowmarket

Thank you for sending us details of this application, we have the following comments:

We have read the ecological survey report (Wild Frontier Ecology, July 2014) and we are satisfied with the findings of the consultant. We request that the recommendations made within the report are implemented in full, via a condition of planning consent, should permission be granted.

In addition to the mitigation measures included in the ecological survey report, we recommend that the design of the boundary fences of the new dwellings incorporates access points for species such as hedgehogs. Urban gardens provide important habitats for hedgehogs and therefore allowing free access through boundaries will help maintain connectivity.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

James Meyer Conservation Planner



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From: Pittam, Nathan [mailto:Nathan.Pittam@babergh.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 October 2014 12:47
To: Planning Admin
Cc: Elizabeth Truscott
Subject: 2742 / 14 / FUL. EH - Land Contamination.

2742 / 14 / FUL.

Land at St Marys Road Kingsmead Road Kingsmead Close Lydgate Close and Silverdale Avenue Stowmarket. The demolition of forty-two dwellings and 10 garages and erection of sixty-two affordable dwellings with associated external works and [...]

Many thanks for your request for comments in relation to the above application in light of the newly submitted contamination report. I have reviewed the contamination report and there does not appear to be any cause for concern at the site based on the infomriaton submitted. No soil samples taken from the site demonstrate concentrations of contaminants that are likely to cause concern and as such I remove my previous recommendation for a condition to be imposed on the development to further investigate the site. As with all applications we would request that developers remain vigilant during the development and contact us in the event of unexpected ground conditions being encountered during construction and that the developer is made aware that the responsibility for the safe development of the site lies with them.

Regards

Nathan

Dr. Nathan Pittam

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BABERGH/MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Planning Control Officer For the attention of: Planning

FROM: Nathan Pittam, Environmental Protection Team DATE: 11.9.14

YOUR REF: 2742 / 14 / FUL

SUBJECT: The demolition of forty-two dwellings and 10 garages and erection of sixtytwo affordable dwellings with associated external works

Address: Land at St Marys Road Kingsmead Road Kingsmead Close Lydgate Close and Silverdale Avenue Stowmarket.

Please find below my comments regarding contaminated land matters only.

The Environmental Protection Team has no objection to the proposed development, but would recommend that the following Planning Condition be attached to any planning permission:

Proposed Condition: Standard Contaminated Land Condition (CL01)

No development shall take place until:

- 1. A strategy for investigating any contamination present on site (including ground gases, where appropriate) has been submitted for approval by the Local Planning Authority.
- 2. Following approval of the strategy, an investigation shall be carried out in accordance with the strategy.
- 3. A written report shall be submitted detailing the findings of the investigation referred to in (2) above, and an assessment of the risk posed to receptors by the contamination (including ground gases, where appropriate) for approval by the Local Planning Authority. Subject to the risk assessment, the report shall include a Remediation Scheme as required.
- 4. Any remediation work shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Remediation Scheme.
- 5. Following remediation, evidence shall be provided to the Local Planning Authority verifying that remediation has been carried out in accordance with the approved Remediation Scheme.

Reason: To identify the extent and mitigate risk to the public, the wider environment and buildings arising from land contamination.

It is important that the following advisory comments are included in any notes accompanying the Decision Notice:

"There is a suspicion that the site may be contaminated or affected by ground gases. You should be aware that the responsibility for the safe development and secure occupancy of the site rests with the developer.

Unless agreed with the Local Planning Authority, you must not carry out any development work (including demolition or site preparation) until the requirements of the condition have been met, or without the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.

The developer shall ensure that any reports relating to site investigations and subsequent remediation strategies shall be forwarded for comment to the following bodies:

- Local Planning Authority
- Environmental Services
- Building Inspector
- Environment Agency

Any site investigations and remediation strategies in respect of site contamination (including ground gases, where appropriate) shall be carried out in accordance with current approved standards and codes of practice.

The applicant/developer is advised, in connection with the above condition(s) requiring the submission of a strategy to establish the presence of land contaminants and any necessary investigation and remediation measures, to contact the Council's Environmental Protection Team."

Nathan Pittam Senior Environmental Management Officer

PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

COMMUNITIES OFFICER (SPORTS)

OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY

2742/14 - STOWMARKET

1. Policy background.

- 1.1 In 2006 a Leisure Consultant was commissioned by Mid Suffolk District Council to undertake an Open Space, Sport and Recreation needs assessment. This Needs Assessment, along with Consultation Statement and Sustainability Appraisal were adopted by MSDC in October 2006 (Executive summary attached). This study has been used to assist the Council in its approach to plan for future provision and the protection of sports and play facilities across the District. This assessment has been a key document feeding into the production of the Local Development Framework. In particular the policies covering developers contributions to facility development.
- 1.2 The above documents provided the evidence base for the Council's adopted Supplementary Planning Document for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation (implemented February 2007). It provides details of the required facilities under each of the categories for which developer contributions are required.
- 1.3 As a result of the above an 'Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy' has been adopted informing the Council of the districts current and future needs up until 2021. This strategy is a working document, which is continually monitored and updated.
- 1.4 This Strategy, as a result of significant community consultation, provides the Council with a clear indication of where new open space, sport and recreation facilities are needed in Mid Suffolk from 2007.
- 1.5 The Strategy is in accordance with the Council's adopted Supplementary Planning Document for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation (reported to Environmental Policy Panel February 2006 and adopted in October 2006 and implemented in February 2007).
- 1.6 Consultation responses will demonstrate a clear linkage between the contribution sought and the development proposed, providing up-to-date information which meets the statutory tests set out in regulations 122 and 123 of the CIL Regulations 2010.

2. **2742/14 – Stowmarket**

2.1 This application is proposing the demolition of 42 dwellings (8x2 bed & 34x3 bed – total 160 persons)and the erection of 62 dwellings (10x1 bed, 27x2 bed, 21x3 bed and 4x4+bed – total 205 persons). Taking into account the existing dwellings to be demolished the contribution for this application is based on 45 additional persons in accordance with the Council's adopted Supplementary Planning Document for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation is £82,575.00. This is broken down as follows:

Play Areas	£ 14355
Outdoor Pitches (Football,	
Cricket, Rugby, Hockey)	£ 31365
Informal recreation space	£ 4590
Village Halls and Community	
Centre	£ 12780
Swimming pools	£ 4320

Sports Halls	£	8100
Outdoor other sports pitches (including tennis, bowls, netball and FMGA)	£	6075
STP	£	990
Total	£	82575

3. Justification of Need

3.1 The Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy recognises the need to improve community facilities (i.e community centres/halls etc) in the ward of Stowmarket. There are current projects to provide improvements across the town. There is a need to improve the existing Community Centre at Combs Ford, which includes plans to install solar panels and improve the front entrance area and changing room doors. Cedars Park Community Centre which is relatively new needs some additional storage and Red Gables, which provides office and meeting spaces for community groups are fundraising for extensions and improvements to their buildings, including upgrading the toilet facilities in the main building so they can better serve the growing needs of the community.

Stowmarket Sports and Social Club also provide space for a significant number of community events and activities and they are about to embark on a new project to replace the existing portacabins which are approximately 25 - 30 years old with a more permanent building.

The Guide Hut on the Camping Land is in a poor state of repair and needs to be demolished and rebuilt for which funding is currently being sought.

The John Peel Centre which is a community-based Arts Centre in the old Corn Exchange needs further funding to improve its provision and is currently fundraising to create a storage centre at the rear of the building. The Regal Cinema also has plans for improvements which include upgrading the heating system and adding additional seating to enable more members of the community to use the building at any one time.

There are a number of church halls within Stowmarket that are used by various community groups from the town which are in need of upgrading and refurbishing to cope with the needs of a growing population through new development.

There is a generally recognised shortage of Community Buildings within the town, as identified by consultations for the Stowmarket Community Board and Stowmarket Area Action Plan.

Local sports facilities require investment including at the Bowls Clubs, Football Clubs, Tennis Club, Rugby club, Cricket club and Netball Clubs to ensure they can better serve the growing needs of the community. Both the playing facilities and ancillary facilities including car parking at these sites require investment.

Stowmarket Tennis Club's facilities are good but would benefit from some refurbishment and there are plans to change a grass court to a hard surface and re-surface all the existing courts.

Stowmarket Town Football club have outgrown their current facility and has to hire pitches from surrounding villages and towns for matches and training hence they are looking for a new site within Stowmarket to accommodate their needs and the demand from the growing population of the town through new development.

The Rugby Club which shares their clubhouse with the Cricket Club needs to make improvements to 4 of the 6 changing rooms and there is a need for additional changing

facilities at the club to cope with the growing number of teams. Future plans include much needed additional floodlighting and improvements to the storage facilities.

The Towns Bowls club's will also require green and facility improvements in the future.

All of the Netball Courts within Stowmarket need improving with a number of teams having to look for venues outside of the town to play and train. With all the new development in the area this will exacerbate the current situation with people from the town having nowhere to play.

Major new sports facilities are planned for Stowmarket in the evolving Stowmarket Area Action Plan. Contributions from across the district are being pooled to assist with the financial provision of these new facilities. There is also the proposal to provide a new artificial pitch within the town.

The Sports Hall and swimming pool in Stowmarket will both need replacing in the medium term and funds are currently being collected for this purpose. In any case both facilities will require in the very least significant refurbishment in the future because of age, deterioration and changing demands.

Six strategic Multi-use games Areas (with floodlighting) are proposed based on a subdistrict basis. There are existing plans in the Stowmarket sub area for this provision.

There are dedicated accounts to enable contributions to be accumulated to enable the above developments and improvements to be made.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (extracts from the Needs Assessment)

Playing pitches and other outdoor facilities

- <u>Football</u> By 2021 there is an estimated requirement for 119 football pitches, comprising 60 senior and youth pitches, 37 junior and 22 mini over the whole district. There is thus a projected shortfall of 26 pitches overall, comprising 27 junior and 2 mini. This can be alleviated by means of new pitch provision in appropriate locations, improvements to existing pitches to ensure more intensive or by bringing school pitches into secured community use.
- <u>Cricket</u> Three additional cricket pitches can be justified to meet future needs, probably in the Stowmarket, Needham Market and Woolpit areas, giving a future pitch requirement of 21 in total. Some pitch and facility improvements are also required throughout the district.
- <u>Rugby Union</u> Pitch provision for rugby union requires 6 pitches in total by 2021, or the equivalent of 2 additional pitches, to be located in Stowmarket, preferably in conjunction with the existing club, and some improvements to ancillary facilities are required.
- <u>Hockey</u> One additional STP capable of accommodating hockey is required up to 2021 in the Stowmarket area, possibly in conjunction with a school site. Significant refurbishment and improvements are necessary to the existing hockey facilities at Weybread.
- <u>Bowls</u> No additional bowls greens are required up to 2012, as the potential demand from the increasing and ageing population is likely to be met at existing greens and clubs. However quality improvements, including the possibility of enhancement of some greens to an all weather surface, are required. All existing greens should be retained to meet additional local need, and development programmes actively promoted, particularly among younger people.
- <u>Tennis</u> To allow clubs to develop juniors, accommodate additional adult members and meet LTA priorities, a further 10 courts are required at existing clubs to 2021. All existing

courts should be retained and where necessary improved and renovated, to permit recreational tennis and allow any casual play generated.

- <u>Netball</u>- Changes in demand for additional facilities for netball are unlikely to be significant, but any new facilities required should be provided in conjunction with a network on new FMGAs. No new courts specifically for netball are therefore considered necessary. Some minor quality improvements to existing courts and ancillary facilities are required.
- <u>FMGAs</u> New 2 court FMGAs can be justified in 6 additional locations in the main towns and villages, and single courts should be provided in 9 further smaller villages, and improvements to some existing facilities implemented.

Informal recreation space

• The precise demand for casual informal recreational space in the future is difficult to predict accurately and the future standard based on existing provision throughout the district of 0.6 ha. per 1000 population is proposed. Meaningful provision of informal recreation space requires an area of at least 0.2 has, and it is likely that a development of 300 houses would be necessary to require on-site provision. In most cases therefore, accessible off-site provision is therefore more appropriate, though consideration should be given to the enhancement of existing areas as an alternative to new provision.

Play facilities

- <u>TOPS and JOPs</u>: The priorities for new junior and toddlers play facilities are the main settlements of Stowmarket and Needham Market, together with Bacton, Bramford, Claydon and Barham, Elmswell, Eye, Haughley, Thurston, Walsham le Willows and Woolpit..
- <u>YOPS</u>: The following settlements are large enough to justify at least one YOP but have no such provision currently: Bacton, Barham, Bramford, Claydon, Debenham, Elmswell, Gt Blakenham, Mendlesham, Stradbroke and Thurston, and enhanced provision should be made in Stowmarket and Needham Market.

Built facilities

- <u>Sports halls</u> by 2021, 7 sports halls, comprising 28 courts, should be available throughout the district to meet the needs of the wider community. These should be located to satisfy demand from existing and future centres of population. A number of possible options are available to meet these requirements:
 - A replacement 6 court hall in Stowmarket or the addition of 2 courts at the existing Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre
 - Formal community use of the five existing halls on High School sites, including any necessary alterations and extensions to encourage and facilitate community use

• Development of one/two court halls in 2 strategic locations in the rural areas. In addition, it must be acknowledged that all the existing centres, which for the most part were built in the 1970s and 80s, will be coming to the end of their useful life by 2021 and will require at the very least significant refurbishment.

- <u>Swimming pools</u> the apparent existing shortfall, coupled with significant population growth in the district, mainly in the larger settlements, suggests that further swimming provision could be justified, subject to more detailed feasibility. A number of options include:
 - Additional water space in Stowmarket, including the replacement of the existing pool by a larger facility
 - One or two new small community pools in strategic locations in the rural parts of the district (e.g. in the west), the A14 corridor (e.g. Needham Market/Claydon or Elmswell) or in conjunction with existing sports facilities on high school sites (e.g. Thurston), subject to formal Community Use Agreements

In addition, as with sports centres, the two existing pools will in any case require significant refurbishment by 2021 because of age, deterioration and changing demands.

- <u>Indoor bowls</u> there are sufficient facilities in Mid Suffolk for indoor bowls now and up to 2021, although a growing and ageing population will increase demand and impose pressures on existing facilities, and there is no allowance made for any development initiatives planned by the centres and governing bodies which could stimulate participation. Over the timescale envisaged there will also be a need to consider refurbishment of both bowls centres.
 - <u>STPs</u> in accordance with a local standard of one STP per 30,000 population in Mid Suffolk, there is a shortfall of up to two STPs in the district. The options for future provision therefore include:
 - The provision of an additional STP in the Stowmarket area
 - The possibility, subject to a more detailed feasibility study, of one further STP on a high school site in conjunction with existing sports facilities, and the establishment of a formally adopted Community Use Agreements.

By 2021 (and indeed well in advance of this) significant refurbishment of the existing STPs at Weybread, including the short-term replacement of the existing sand filled surface, will be necessary.

<u>Village/community halls.</u> Current provision of village halls and community centres in the district is estimated at about 1 hall per 1000 population or the equivalent of 150m2 per 1000 population. This standard should be adopted for future provision, and used primarily to effect improvements to existing facilities to enable sport and recreation to take place in villages, though new provision might be justified in larger developments.

Future standards of provision

Future provision of sports and play facilities should be made in accordance with the following standards.

Table 1	
Playing pitches	1.6 ha/1000
Other outdoor sport	0.12 ha/1000
FMGAs	0.04 ha/1000
All outdoor sport	1.76 ha/1000
Informal recreation space	0.6 ha/1000
Play	0.2 ha/1000
Sports halls	0.26 courts/1000
Swimming pools	9.18 m ² /1000
STPs	0.03 pitches/1000
Village/community halls	150 m ^{2/} 1000

Changes made to tables 2 and 3 of the SPD to account for inflationary increases 2010/11

Individual dwellings and up to 9	9 dwellings v	vill contribute to:-	
	M ² per person	Provision cost £ per m ²	Contribution cost: £ per person
Village Halls and Community Centre	0.15	1,893	284
Swimming pools	0.00919	10,446	96
Sports Halls	0.0395	4,557	180

Outdoor other sports pitches (including tennis, bowls, netball and FMGA)	1.6	84.4	135
STP	0.18	122.2	22
TOTALCONTRIBUTION PER	PERSON		717

The table below shows the additional contributions required per person for developments of 10 or more dwellings (these will be combined with the table above):

	M ² per person	Provision cost £ per m ²	Contribution cost: £ per person
Play Areas	2.0	159.5	319
Outdoor Pitches (Football, Cricket, Rugby, Hockey)	16.0	43.6	697
Informal recreation space	6.0	17	102

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Children's Play	2.0	159.5	319
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Sports halls	0.0395	4,557	180
STP	0.18	122.2	22
Informal recreation space	6.0	17	102
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION PER PI MORE THAN 10 DWELLINGS	ERSON FOR DE	VELOPMENTS OF	1835



Your ref: 2742/14 Our ref: Stowmarket – land at St Marys Road, Kingsmead Road, Kingsmead Close, Lydgate Close and Silverdale Avenue Date: 08 September 2014 Enquiries to: Neil McManus Tel: 01473 264121 or 07973 640625 Email: neil.mcmanus@suffolk.gov.uk

Ms Elizabeth Truscott, Planning Services, Mid Suffolk District Council, Council Offices, 131 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 8DL.

Dear Elizabeth,

Stowmarket: land at St Marys Road, Kingsmead Road, Kingsmead Close, Lydgate Close and Silverdale Avenue – 2742/14 - developer contributions

I refer to the above planning application for the demolition of 42 dwellings and the erection of 62 dwellings in Stowmarket.

This scheme is for a net increase of 20 dwellings and contributions have been calculated on this basis.

The development falls within the Stowmarket Area Action Plan (SAAP) and it therefore needs to be considered in relation to SAAP Policy 11.1 and Core Strategy Policy CS6 which requires all development to provide for the supporting infrastructure they necessitate. It is considered that the requirements of SCC meet the legal tests set out in paragraph 204 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).

However I would draw attention to the fact that this scheme is part of the Unity Project tranche 2 being delivered by Orbit Homes in partnership with Mid Suffolk which includes similar re-provision schemes in Haughley and Woolpit as well as this scheme in Stowmarket. In view of viability issues it has been agreed that whilst the infrastructure requirements will be separately assessed against each individual scheme there may be an element of cross-subsidy in terms of developer contributions i.e. the Stowmarket scheme application will require mitigation.

In terms of local infrastructure needs there is a need for Mid Suffolk to consider mitigation for early years, primary education, libraries and waste. The adopted Section 106 Developers Guide sets out the approach and can be accessed via the following web-page http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/environment-and-transport/planning-and-buildings/planning-and-design-advice/planning-obligations/

- 1. Early years and primary education. The education provision topic paper sets out the detailed approach to how contributions are calculated and the cost per dwelling is set out in Table 4. In terms of infrastructure across the SAAP there is significant pressure on early years and primary school provision. Against this scheme for a net increase of 20 dwellings we assume that a minimum of 1 early year pupil and 5 primary age pupils will arise. On this basis we would therefore request a contribution of £6,091 for early years and £60,905 (5 places x £12,181 per place) for primary school purposes.
- 2. Libraries. The libraries and archive infrastructure provision topic paper sets out the detailed approach to how contributions are calculated. A contribution of £216 per dwelling is sought i.e. £4,320, which will be spent on enhancing provision at Stowmarket Library.
- 3. Waste. The waste disposal facilities topic paper sets out the detailed approach to how contributions are calculated. A contribution of £51 per dwelling is sought i.e. £1,020, which will be spent on enhancing provision in Stowmarket.

I will be grateful if the above can be reported to committee when the application is determined.

Yours sincerely

Neil McManus BSc (Hons) MRICS Development Contributions Manager Economy Skills & Environment

cc Peter Black, Suffolk County Council Jeff Horner, Suffolk County Council

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Strategic Housing Consultation response to application No.2742/14 – The demolition of forty-two dwellings and 10 garages and the erection of 62 affordable dwellings and associated external works and parking

To: Elizabeth Truscott

From: Julie Abbey-Taylor

Date 12.9.2014

Key Points.

- The Town is the largest market town within the Council's reviewed Core Strategy document, and demonstrates a significant housing need. This site triggers policy HS04 and sits within the existing development boundary for Stowmarket.
- 2. In this instance the whole of the site is intended for affordable housing provision as the proposal is a redevelopment of the existing sub-standard Council Unity homes and the erection of new homes built to code 3+. The initial decision to proceed with a redevelopment of this site (along with the two other Unity sites) was taken by the Council's Executive Committee in late 2010. The redevelopment of this housing stock has been back to Executive Committee several times since then and its progress has been seen as a corporate priority to deliver.
- 3. Tranche 1 of the redevelopment already has planning permission and the applicant (Orbit Housing Association) is already on site building the 14 new homes approved in application No. 2279/13 in St. Mary's Road.

Affordable Housing Needs Assessment.

4. The proposed mix of new homes has been reached following a detailed analysis of the needs of the existing tenants and owner occupiers on the site and the spread of applicants on the Council's Housing register awaiting rehousing. The priority has been to get the right mix for the existing tenants and our Allocations and Strategic Housing teams have worked closely with Orbit HA to get the right mix of units to meet existing and future housing needs. The type of property in highest need on the housing register is one and two bedroomed units. The type of units most in need for existing tenants is for 2, 3 and 4 bed units – so hence a balance has been struck between the two needs groups. Some of the units will be available for shared ownership purchase to introduce a new tenure into the housing mix in that area. 5. The unit mix proposed in this application is for 62 new homes (which represents a net gain of 20 new homes) consisting of:

4 x 2 bed 3 person bungalows 10 x 1 bed 2 person houses 23 x 2 bed 4 person houses 21 x 3 bed 5 person houses 4 x 4 bed 6 person houses

The additional 20 new homes on this site in addition to the gain of 10 homes on the site already under construction in Tranche 1 will assist in bridging some of the shortfall of affordable delivery in Stowmarket from developer-led S106 sites that have been recently given permission during the last 9 months.

- 6. The proposal will improve the parking in the area in that the majority of the parking provision proposes in curtilage parking for most of the homes. This will provide a tangible visual improvement and assist with an improved traffic flow and access for emergency vehicles as at present cars park on the green verges that are part of the public open space and public highway area. The proposal also includes the improvement of public parking adjacent the parade of shops in Wolsey Road to increase capacity in the area.
- 7. This second tranche of redevelopment is designed to continue on from the Tranche 1 development which is on site, with demolition, if the application is successful being planned for March/April 2015.
- Of the dwellings included in the demolition schedule several are already empty. Remaining households in St. Mary's Road and Silverdale Road are being offered alternative housing in either Tranche 1, a new Orbit scheme in nearby St Edmunds Road, Stowmarket or in existing Council stock in the area.
- 9. Orbit HA submitted this scheme to the Homes & Communities Agency for grant funding in the 2015 18 Affordable Homes Programme and at the end of July, Orbit were advised that their grant application had been accepted. Grant levels have generally reduced over the past 10 years and grant rate averages allocated for 2015-18 seem to be in the region of £15k £20k per unit. The allocation for this scheme is higher than the average in recognition of the higher development costs which include demolition of existing units and the cost of relocating the existing tenants and owner occupiers.
- 10. Some of the existing properties will not be demolished mainly owner occupiers that did not wish to be part of the redevelopment. Where existing Council homes adjoin owner occupiers that are not part of the redevelopment the Council dwellings will be repaired by the Council. Tenants of such

properties have all been visited and advised of the level of repairs and internal improvements.

The Strategic Housing Team have no hesitation in supporting this application and granting of planning permission will end the uncertainty experienced by the existing residents during the past 3 - 4 years.

Regards,

Julie Abbey-Taylor

Corporate Manager – Strategic Housing

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Land at St Mary's Road, Kingsmead Road, Kingsmead Close, Lydgate Close and Silverdale Avenue, Stowmarket IP14 1LS Planning Application No: 274<u>3/</u>14

I refer to the above application.

The plans have been inspected by the Water Officer who has the following comments to make.

Access and Fire Fighting Facilities

Access to buildings for fire appliances and firefighters must meet with the requirements specified in Building Regulations Approved Document B, (Fire Safety), 2006 Edition, incorporating 2010 and 2013 amendments Volume 1 - Part B5, Section 11 dwelling houses, and, similarly, Volume 2, Part B5, Sections 16 and 17 in the case of buildings other than dwelling houses. These requirements may be satisfied with other equivalent standards relating to access for fire fighting, in which case those standards should be quoted in correspondence.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service also requires a minimum carrying capacity for hard standing for pumping/high reach appliances of 15/26 tonnes, not 12.5 tonnes as detailed in the Building Regulations 2000 Approved Document B, 2006 Edition, incorporating 2010 and 2013 amendments.

Water Supplies

If the existing provided fire hydrant(s) can sustain a minimum outlet discharge of 480 lpm and meets with the requirements specified in Building Regulations Approved Document B, (Fire Safety), 2006 Edition, incorporating 2010 and 2013 amendments, Volume 1 Part B5, Sections 11 dwelling houses, and, similarly, Volume 2, Part B5, Sections 16 and 17, in the case of buildings other than dwelling houses, no new fire hydrants need to be installed in respect of this application.

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Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service recommends that proper consideration be given to the potential life safety, economic, environmental and social benefits derived from the provision of an automatic fire sprinkler system. (Please see sprinkler information enclosed with this letter).

Consultation should be made with the Water Authorities to determine flow rates in all cases.

Should you need any further advice or information on access and fire fighting facilities, you are advised to contact your local Building Control in the first instance. For further advice and information regarding water supplies, please contact the Water Officer at the above headquarters.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Kempen Water Officer

Copy: Mr P Dunthorne, The Design Partnership (Ely) Ltd, Claremont House, 10 Station Road, Chatteris, Cambs PE16 6AG Enc: Sprinkler information

The Stowmarket Society	ľ.
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Dear Sirs

2742/14 - DEMOLITION OF FORTY-TWO DWELLINGS AND 10 GARAGES AND ERECTION OF SIXTY-TWO AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS AND PARKING-LAND AT ST MARYS ROAD KINGSMEAD ROAD KINGSMEAD CLOSE LYDGATE CLOSE AND SILVERDALE AVENUE STOWMARKET

We will be grateful if you will note the following comments of the Stowmarket Society on this application.

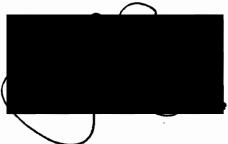
While we find the proposals for the houses and their layout are very prosaic we cannot say it such a poor scheme that we should raise objections on the basis of design. In its current form however, this is clearly a great missed opportunity to transform the character of a fairly featureless part of our town. Consideration of the scheme's dullness does lead to thoughts of other similar developments in our area, and lessons that have failed to be learnt. As Mid Suffolk District Council was a partner in the scheme, you will of course be fully aware of the award winning housing association scheme at Elmswell, which was intended to provide affordable homes designed to be energy-efficient and sustainable, have a high design quality with positive public and private spaces, and to be an example for future developments in the district. It is quite dispiriting to see the example set at Elmswell so soon forgotten, and the usual dreary old stuff continuing to be churned out, especially with the council also being a partner in this scheme.

Within this proposal we do find some specific shortcomings which we think need to be addressed.

Firstly, we cannot see a locally equipped area for play anywhere in the scheme. This is a large project with many family dwellings and well above the normal threshold for provision of an equipped playspace. This part of Stowmarket was developed well before current standards of play space provision were adopted and the shortfall in the area has to be another reason that such a space must be provided.

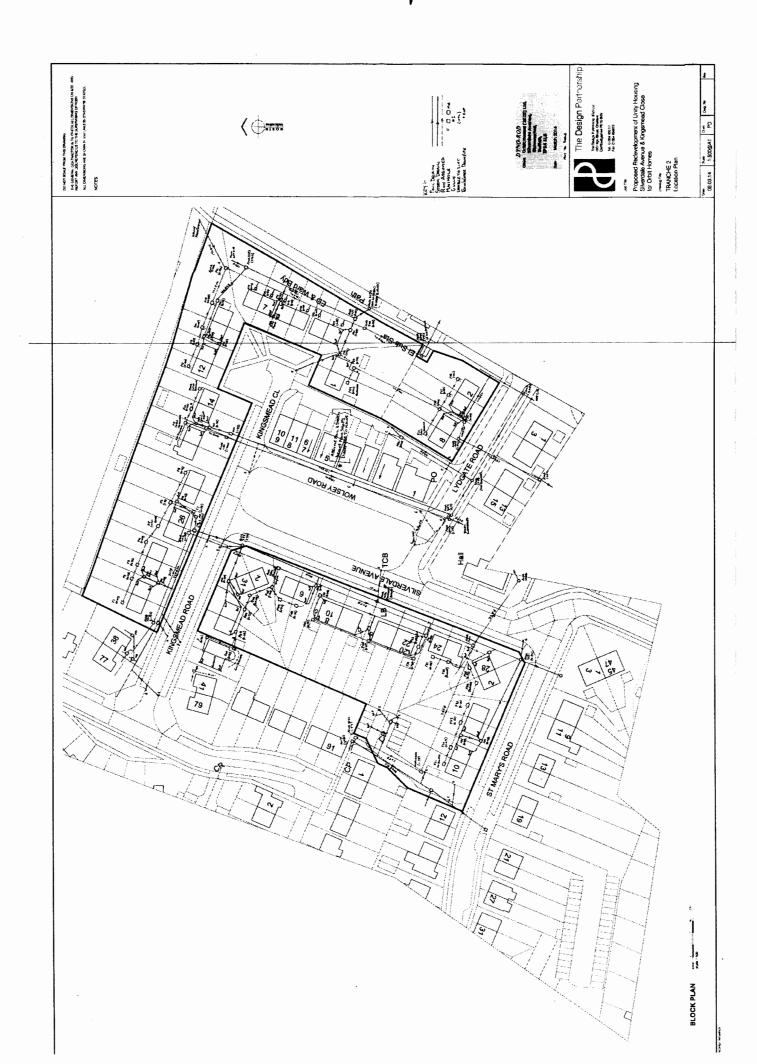
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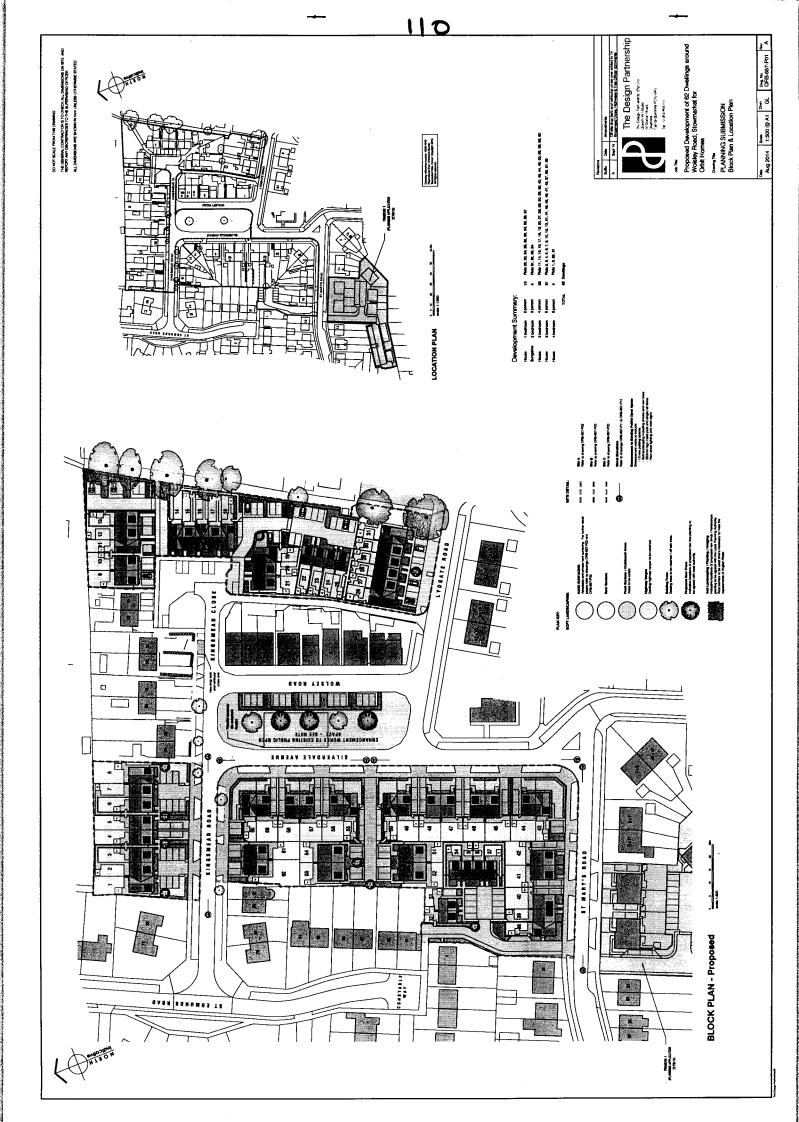
Secondly, the application presents an opportunity to carry out a comprehensive enhancement. of the grassed open space bounded by Wolsey Road, Silverdale Avenue, Kingsmead Road and Lydgate Avenue. This green provides an important public open space at the very heart of this development and needs an imaginative landscaping scheme to realise its full potential. With the increase in housing density resulting from this scheme the importance of the open space is increased. The Stowmarket Society has previously been considering this open space, the possibility of promoting an enhancement scheme and looking for funding through National Lottery and other sources. The application makes a reluctant nod towards enhancement of the space but includes nothing of substance other than planting a few trees and then wrecking the space by carving it up with parking spaces. The parking space proposal has not been thought through and should be abandoned thus restoring the opportunity to make this the attractive open space which the developer should be creating at the heart of their scheme. Wolsey Road is at times very busy and parking along it can be very difficult when the range of take-away stores are open. The proposal to provide parking off one side of the road will only make matters worse as the space required to manoeuvre in and out will prevent any parking along the carriageway, and will effectively reduce the total number of parking spaces available in the street. Or drivers may continue to park on the carriageway as well, and block drivers trying to enter or leave the new parking spaces. Would it not be easier to widen Wolsey Road a little to allow more room for on-carriageway parking on both sides and so make the existing situation much easier? Perhaps making it a one way road would help as well. A little slice of the side of the open space wouldn't hurt too much - and would leave plenty of room for the attractive new landscaping scheme that you should be requiring the developer to implement.

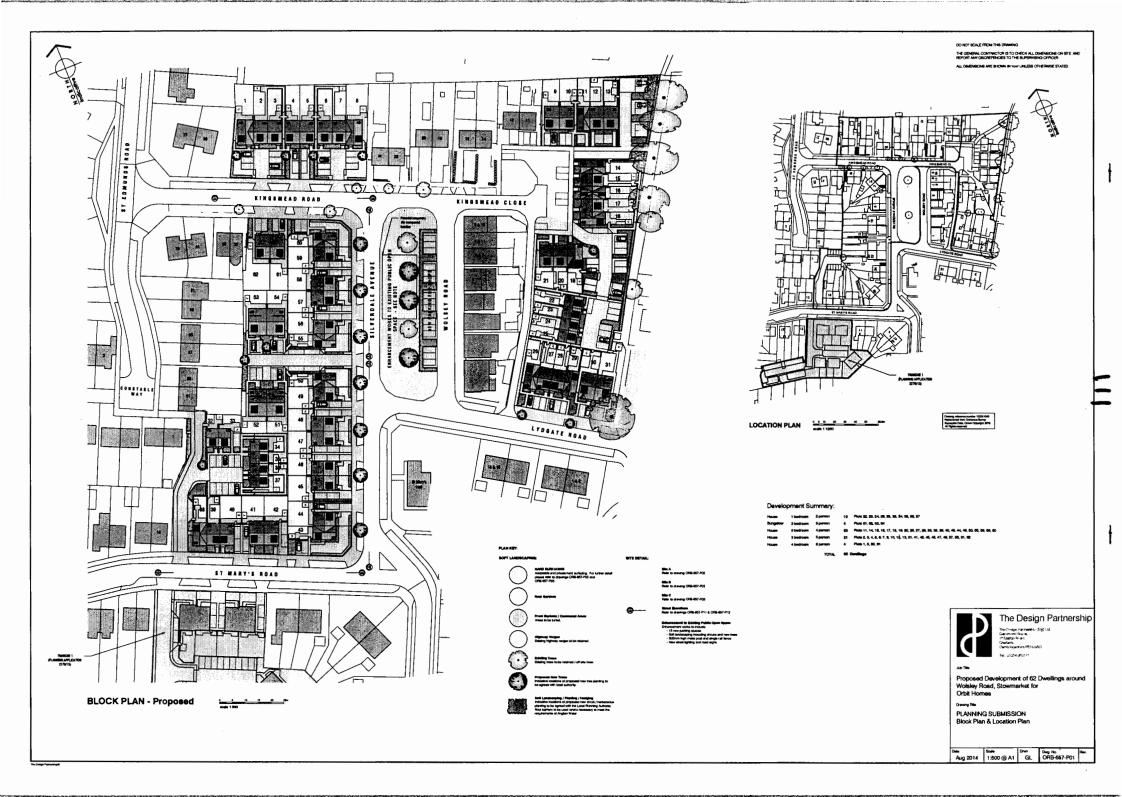


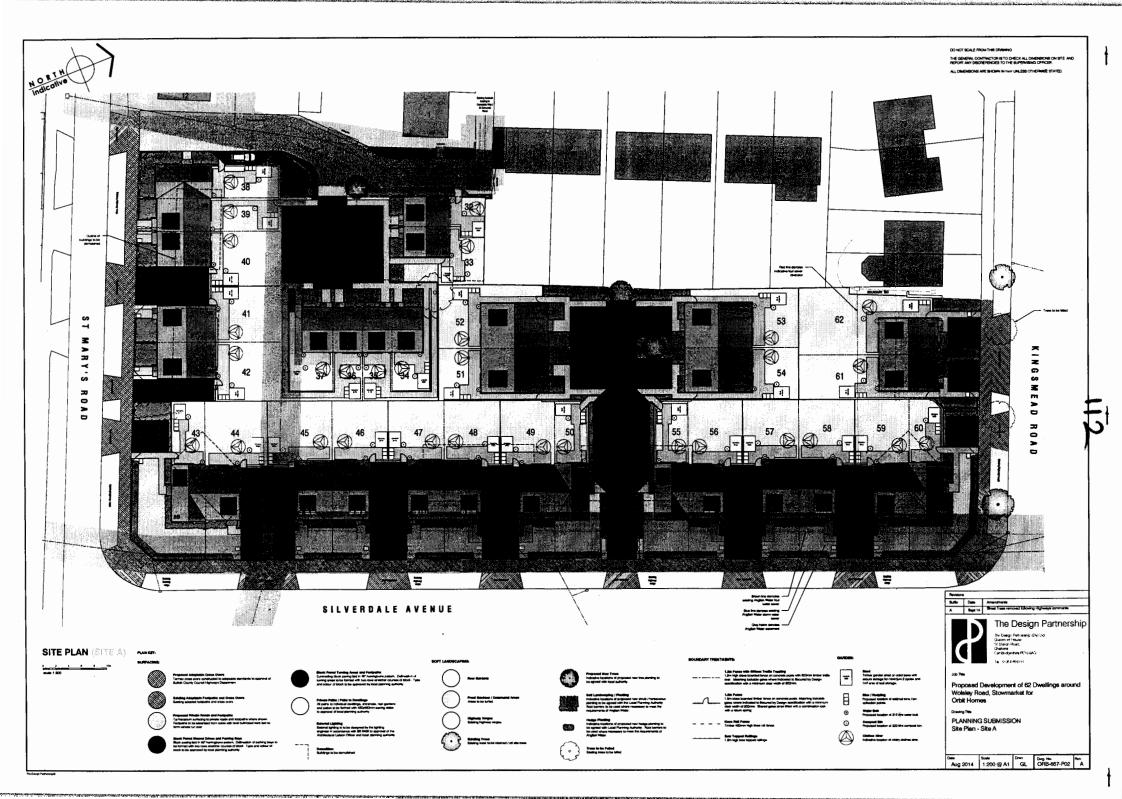
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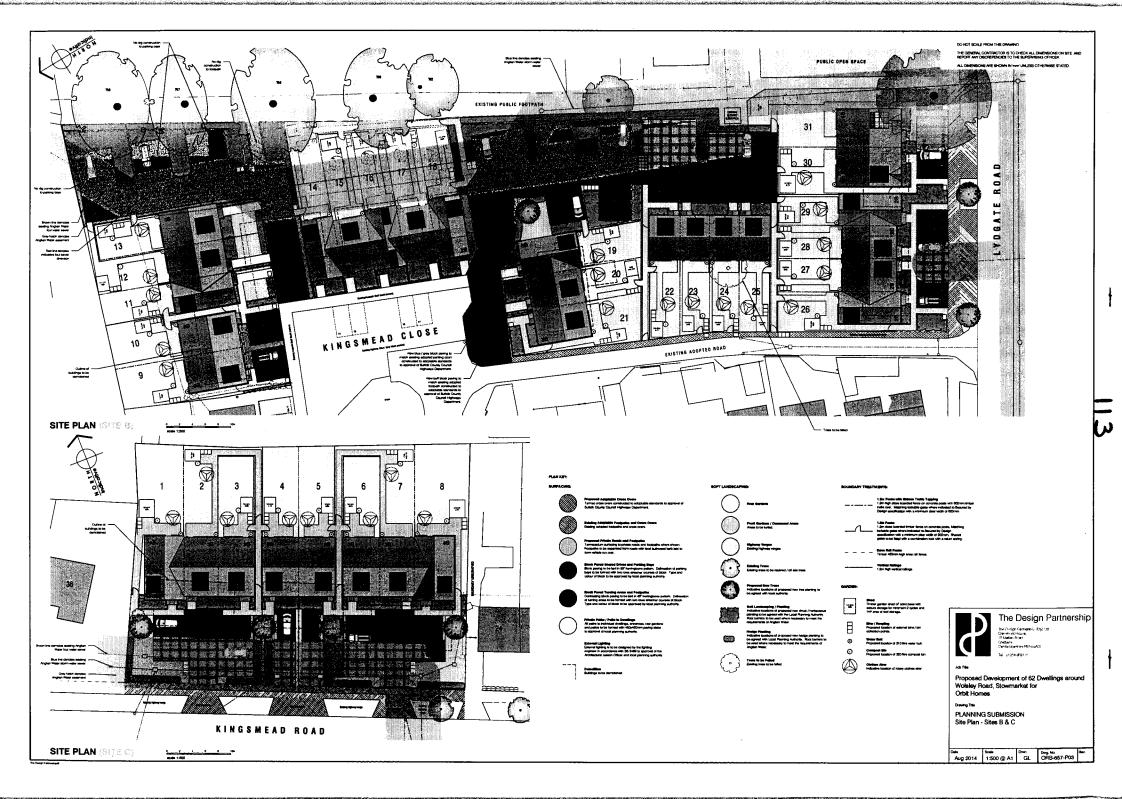


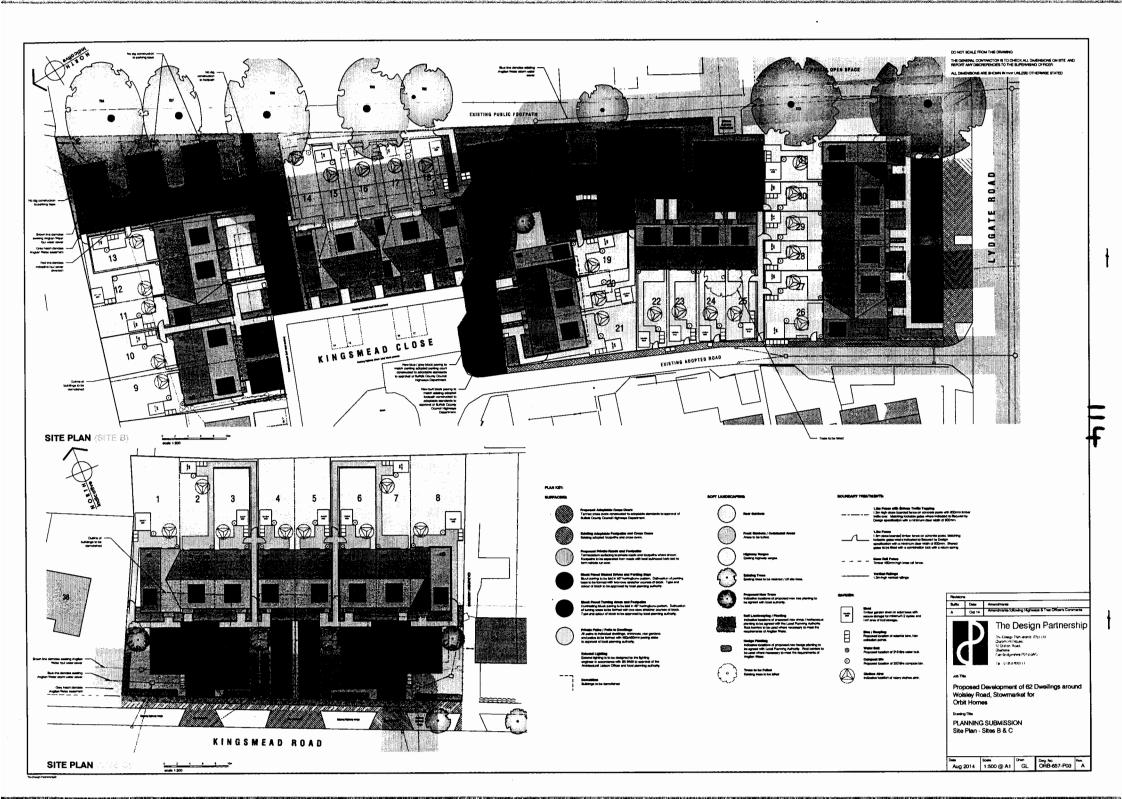


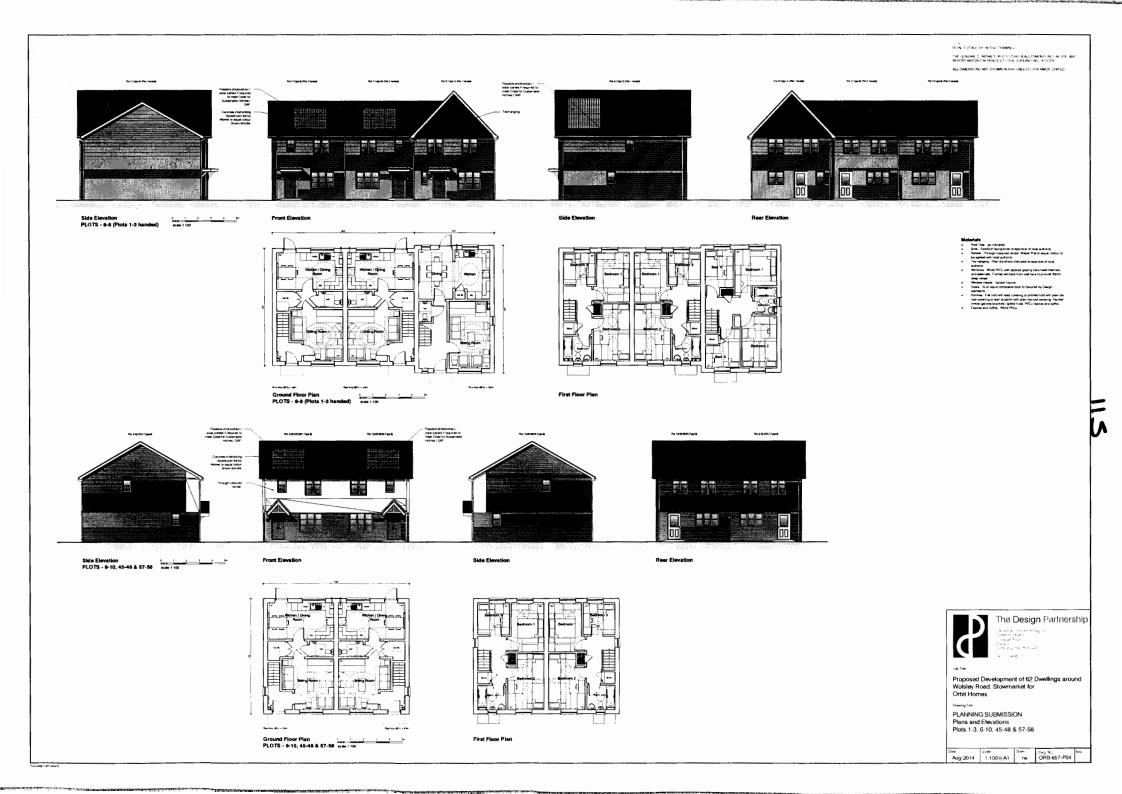


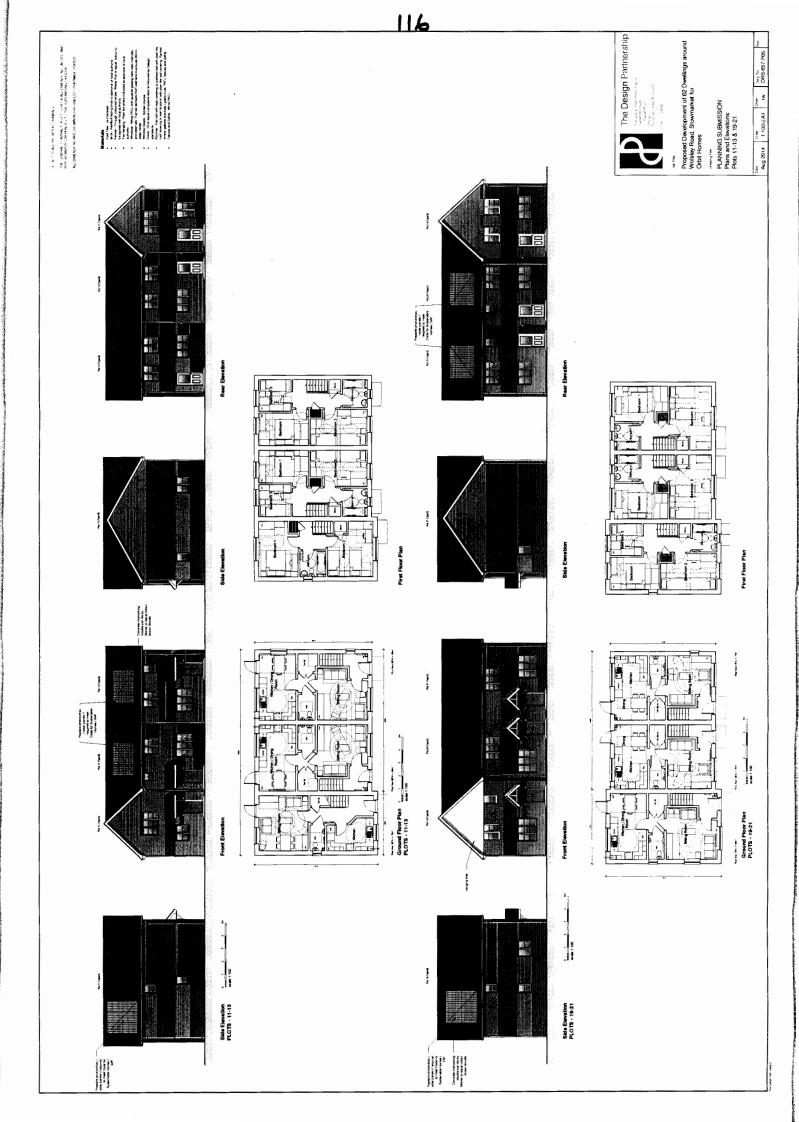




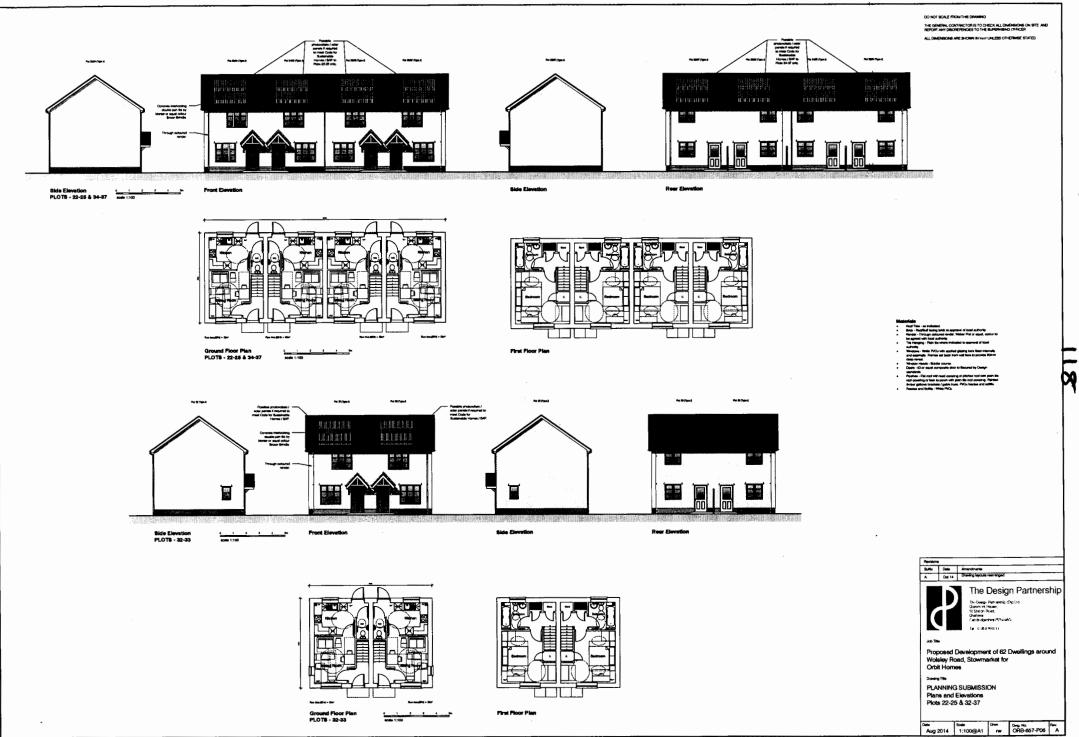


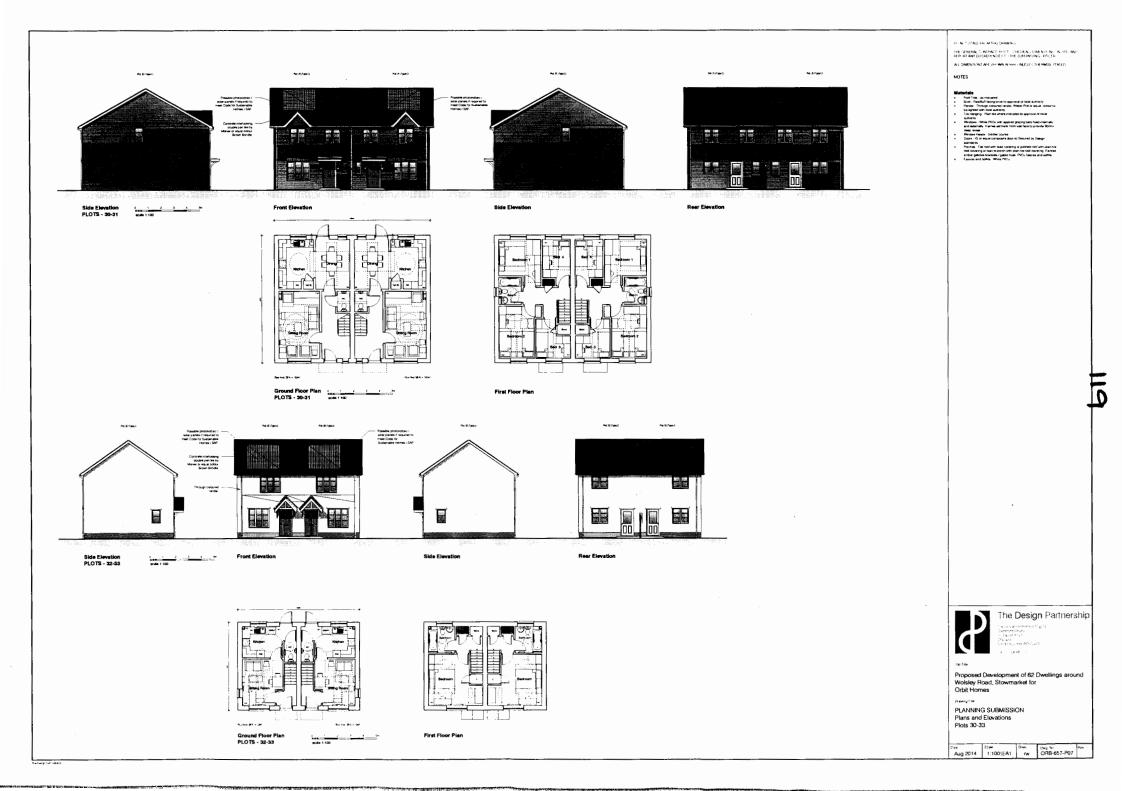


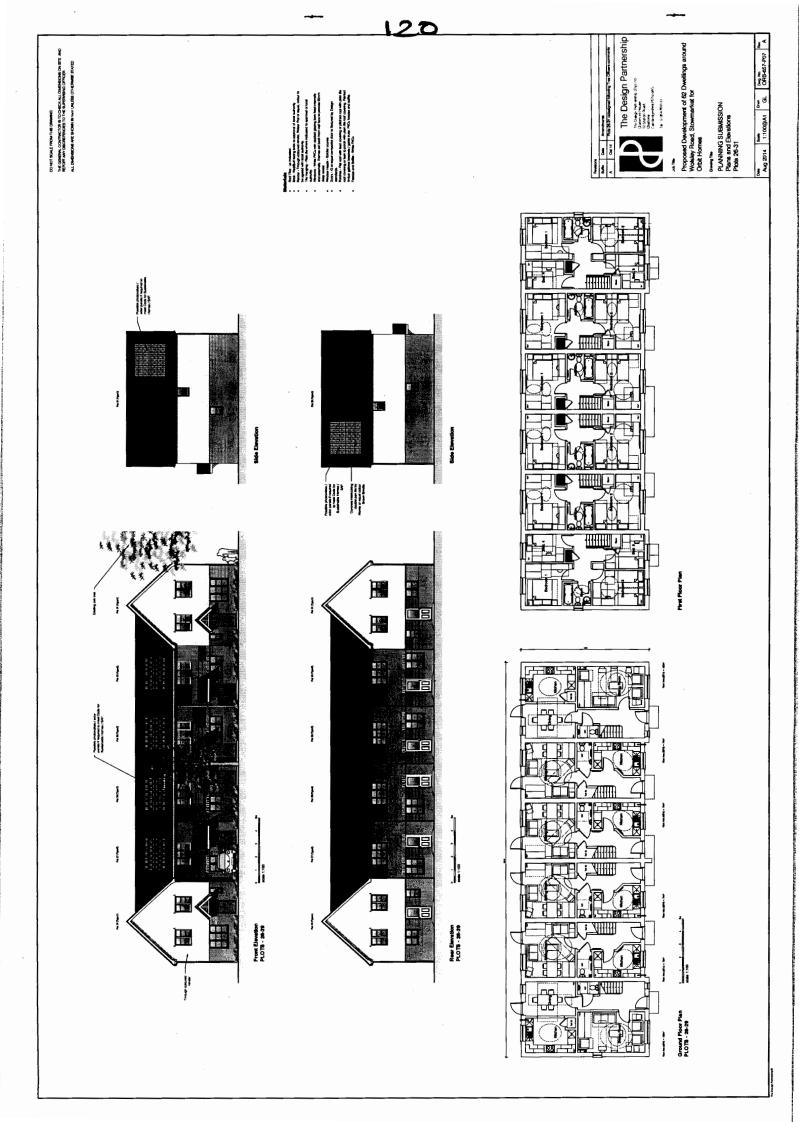


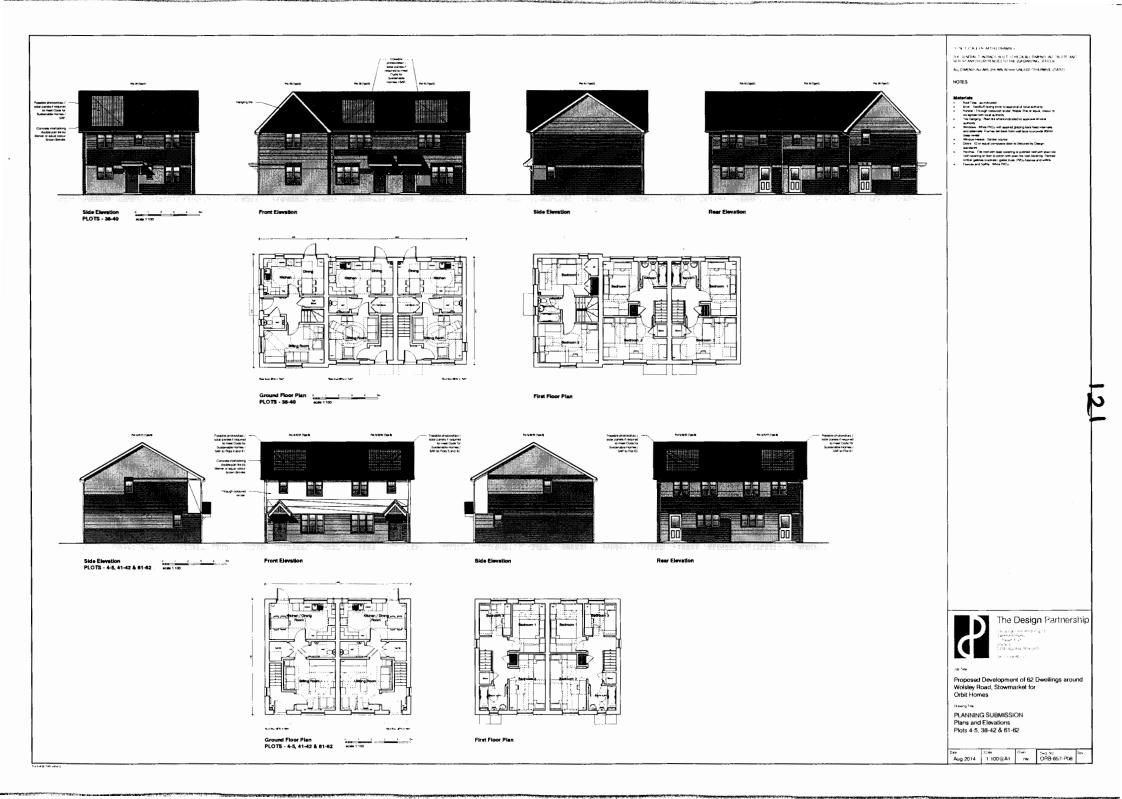






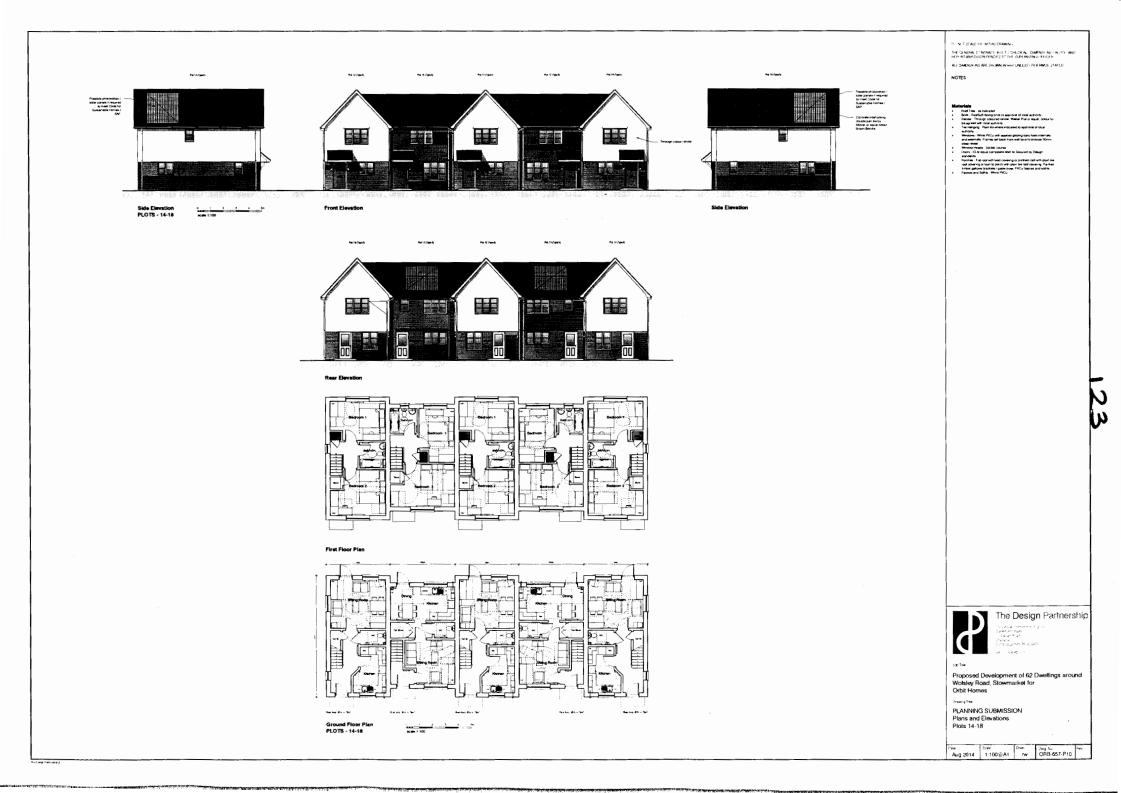


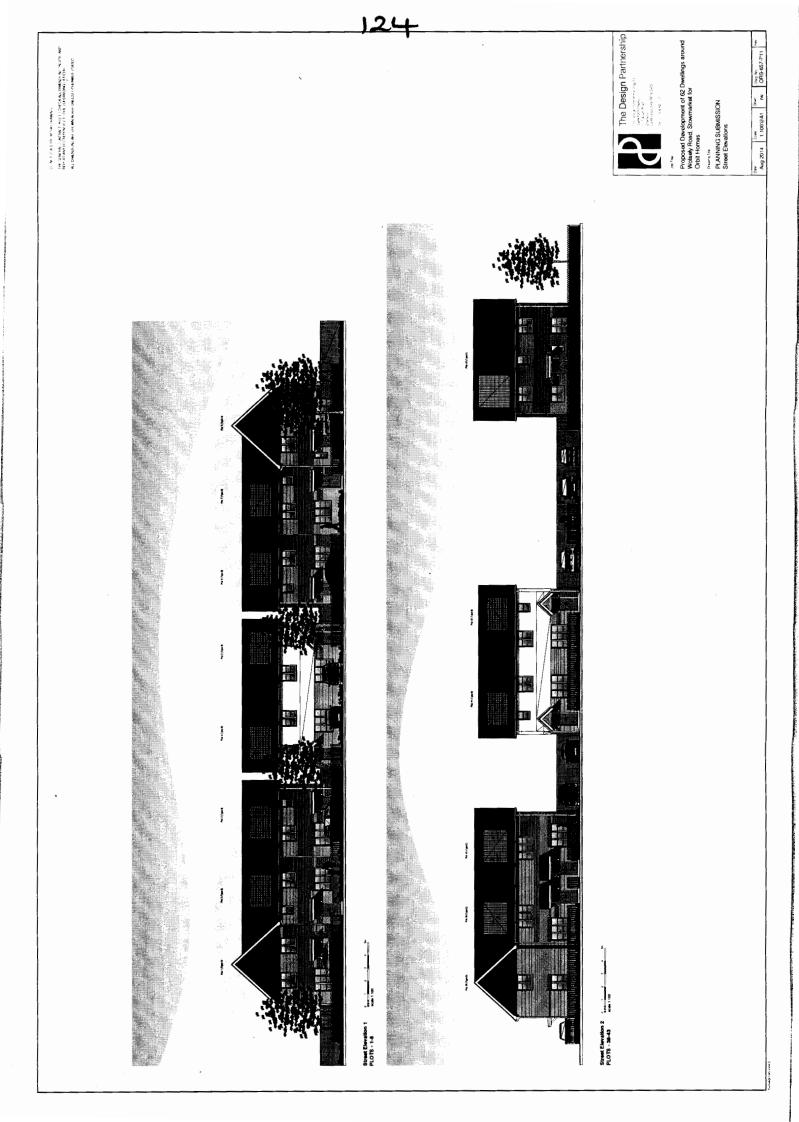


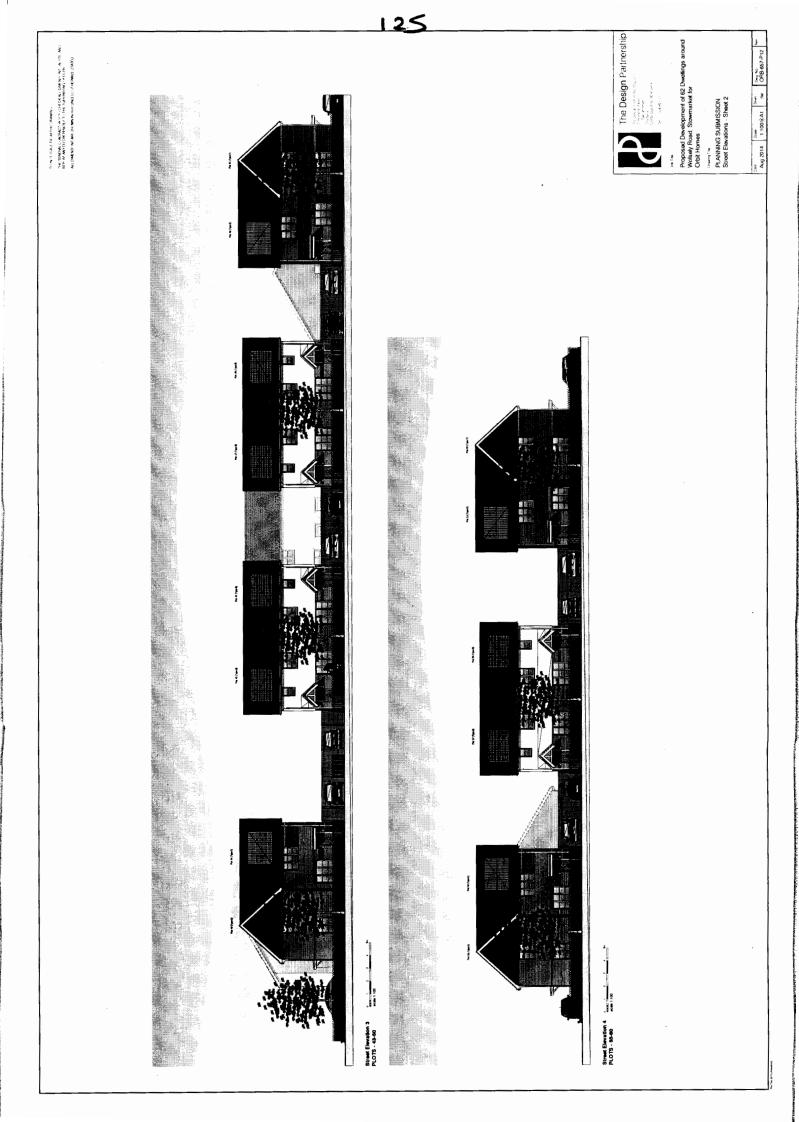


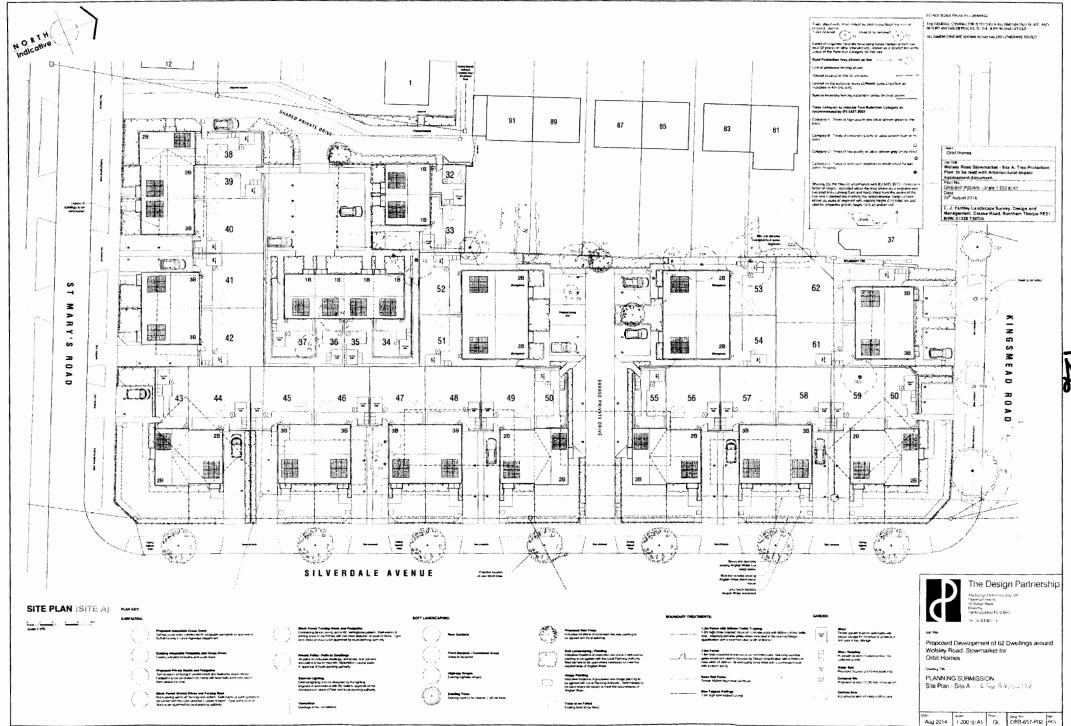


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