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COMMITTEE: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
COMMITTEE B

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER
2022
9.30 AM

VENUE: KING EDMLIND CHAMBER

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#### Councillors

Conservative and Independent Group Green and Liberal Democrat Group

James Caston Peter Gould Kathie Guthrie (Chair) Dave Muller (Vice-Chair) Andrew Mellen
Mike Norris
Andrew Stringer
Rowland Warboys

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- Parish Clerk or Parish Councillor representing the Council in which the application site is located
- Objectors
- Supporters
- The applicant or professional agent / representative

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### Agenda Item 5

#### MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE B** held in the Blackbourne Community Centre, 71 Blackbourne Road, Elmswell, Suffolk, IP30 9GY on Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at 09:30am.

PRESENT:

Councillor: Kathie Guthrie (Chair)

David Muller BA (Open) MCMI RAFA (Councillor) (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: James Caston Andrew Mellen
Mike Norris Andrew Stringer

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**Rowland Warboys** 

Ward Member(s):

Councillors: David Burn

Helen Geake Sarah Mansel

In attendance:

Officers: Area Planning Manager (GW)

Planning Lawyer (IDP) Case Officers (HN/AS) Governance Officer (AN)

#### 56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

56.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Gould.

# 57 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTRABLE OR NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

57.1 Councillor Mellen declared an other registerable interest in respect of application number DC/22/04127 as a County Council for the area. However the item under discussion did not directly relate to the finances or the wellbeing of that interest or affect the finances or the wellbeing of that interest to a greater extent than the majority of its inhabitants. Therefore Councillor Mellen was not prevented from participating in the debate and vote in respect of this application.

#### 58 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

58.1 There were no declarations of lobbying.

#### 59 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL SITE VISITS

59.1 There were no declarations of personal site visits.

### 60 SA/22/11 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2022

#### It was RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

# 61 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

61.1 None received.

#### 62 SA/22/12 SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

62.1 In accordance with the Councils procedures for public speaking on planning applications, representations were made as follows:

Application Number	Representations From	
DC/22/04127	Councillor Sarah Mansel (Ward Member)	
	Councillor Helen Geake (Ward Member)	
DC/22/00416	Roy Barker (Supporter)	
	Councillor David Burn (Ward Member)	

# 63 DC/22/04127 LAND TO THE FRONT OF 16, 18, 20 AND 22 EASTERN WAY, ELMSWELL, IP30 9DP

#### 63.1 Item 7A

Application DC/22/04127

Proposal Planning Application – Change of use of land for highway

vehicular access and hard standing including Deed of

Easement

Site Location **ELMSWELL** – Land to the Front of 16, 18, 20 and 22

Eastern Way, Elmswell, IP30 9DP

Applicant Norman Plumpton, Anthea Fisher, Jen Farmer & Michael

Watkins

63.2 The Case Officer presented the application to the Committee outlining the proposal before Members including: the location of the site, the proposed use of the land, the existing landscaping, the existing access to the properties, the proposed materials to be used for the surfacing, and the officer

recommendation of approval.

- 63.3 The Case Officer responded to questions from Members on issues including: whether a bollard would be installed to prevent vehicles driving on the footpath, whether the footway would be shared with cyclists, the gradient of the footway, the area to be resurfaced, the proposed surface materials, whether the tree remained on the property, works which may have been undertaken adjacent to the development site, how the works would be undertaken to ensure prevention of damage to the roots of the existing tree, and whether retention of the tree could be conditioned.
- 63.4 Members considered the representation from Councillor Mansel who spoke a Ward Member.
- 63.5 Members considered the representation from Councillor Geake who spoke as Ward Member.
- 63.6 Members debated the application on issues including: whether the existing tree had been removed, the problems with residents driving over the existing area, and the sustainability of the proposed surface materials.
- 63.7 Councillor Muller proposed the application be approved as detailed in the officer recommendation.
- 63.8 Councillor Stringer seconded the proposal and proposed an additional condition relating to the protection of the existing tree.
- 63.9 Members continued to debate the application on issues including: the location of the no parking sign.
- 63.10 The proposer and seconder agreed to the following additional conditions and informatives:
  - Retain and protect the tree or replace if removed
  - Scheme to protect the tree during construction and retain space around the tree to protect the roots
  - Informative to move the sign to limit use of the footpath by vehicles

By a unanimous vote

#### It was RESOLVED:

That authority be delegated to the Chief Planning Officer to GRANT planning permission, including the imposition of relevant conditions and informatives as summarised below and those as may be deemed necessary by the Chief Planning Officer:

- Standard 3-year time limit to implement permission
- Approved Plans
- Vehicular visibility splays provided as per approved plans and

thereafter retained in perpetuity

- No obstruction to visibility over 0.6m high within visibility splays
- Pedestrian visibility splays to be provided
- Access to be provided in accordance with SCC standard access drawing DM03 and thereafter retained in perpetuity
- New accesses onto the highway, over the existing footways (and not the grassed area itself), to be surfaced with bound material in accordance with SCC Estate Road Specification
- Gradient of accesses to be agreed.
- Restriction on construction times during development: 0800 to 1800 Monday to Fridays and 0900 to 1300 on Saturdays, none at all on Sundays and Bank Holidays

#### Informatives:

- Proactive working statement
- SCC Highways and Rights of Way notes

And the following additional conditions and informatives:

- Retain and protect the tree or replace if removed
- Scheme to protect the tree during construction and retain space around the tree to protect the roots

Informative to move the sign to limit use of the footpath by vehicles

# 64 DC/22/00416 LAND ADJACENT NORTH ROUNDABOUT, A140 IPSWICH ROAD, BROME, PART IN THE PARISH OF THRANDESTON, IP23 8AW

#### 64.1 Item 7B

Application DC/22/00416

Proposal Application for Outline Planning Permission (All matters

reserved) - Erection of petrol and electric charging facility with associated shop; roadside restaurant with drive through facility; E(g) (formerly B1) and B8 starter units; HGV lorry parking facility for rest area and drivers'

facilities as a phased development.

Site Location THRANDESTON - Land Adjacent North Roundabout,

A140 Ipswich Road, Brome, Part in the Parish of

Thrandeston, IP23 8AW

Applicant R H Developments (East Anglia) Ltd

- 64.2 The Case Officer introduced the application to the Committee outlining the proposal before Members including: the location and layout of the site, the flood risk assessment, the proposed use of the site, and the officer recommendation of approval as detailed in the report.
- 64.3 The Case Officer, the Area Planning Manager and the Planning Lawyer

responded to questions from Members on issues including: the condition relating to renewable energy, whether there were any Tree Preservation Orders on any of the trees and if so the implications to the development, the proposed hours of construction, and whether the height of the fencing would be adequate to mitigate the noise of lorries parking overnight.

- 64.4 The Area Planning Manager provided clarification to Members that should the applicant not comply with any requirements made by the Environment Agency, the application would be refused.
- 64.5 The Case Officer responded to further questions from Members on issues including: what would the S.106 money would be used to achieve, and whether the issues surrounding the septic tank had been brought to the attention of the Environment Agency.
- 64.6 Members considered the representation from Roy Barker who spoke as a Supporter.
- 64.5 Members considered the representation from Councillor Burn who spoke as the Ward Member.
- 64.6 The Ward Member responded to questions from Members on issues including: the site being designated as a County wildlife site, the flood potential in the area, and whether the local community were in favour of the development.
- 64.7 Members debated the application on issues including: the need for a lorry park within the area, the location of the lorry park within the site, the potential noise created by the lorry park and industrial units, the connectivity of the site, lighting issues, and potential issues with run-off water and flooding.
- 64.8 The Area Planning Manager provided clarification regarding the implications of Members being minded to approve the application, and confirmed that the application would return to committee before final a final decision of approval or refusal was granted.
- 64.9 Members continued to debate the application on issues including: the potential noise, the infrastructure at the site, and drainage issues.
- 64.10 Councillor Muller proposed that Members be minded to approve the application subject to the following further information:
  - Sewage, flooding, and Environment Agency comments
  - Noise issues and use/location of lorry park
  - Sustainability details
  - Gas infrastructure
  - Confirm Tree Preservation Order Status

And subject to this to be returned to Development Control Committee B.

- 64.11 Councillor Norris seconded the proposal.
- 64.12 Members continued to debate the application on issues including: the impact of the development on existing local businesses.

By a unanimous vote

#### It was RESOLVED:

That Members were minded to approve the application subject to the following further information:

- Sewage, flooding, and Environment Agency comments
- Noise issues and use/location of lorry park
- Sustainability details
- Gas infrastructure

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.32 am.

• Confirm Tree Preservation Order Status

And subject to this to be returned to Development Control Committee B.

#### 65 SITE INSPECTION

65.1 None received.

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# Agenda Item 7

#### MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL B COMMITTEE**

#### 21 DECEMBER 2022 - 09:30

#### INDEX TO SCHEDULED ITEMS

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7A	DC/22/03922	Whitton Park, Thurleston Lane, Whitton, Suffolk	Cllr Tim Passmore and Cllr John Whitehead / Claydon and Barham	Dan Cameron	
7B	DC/22/02924	Land Off, Jacks Green Road, Creeting St. Mary	Cllr Mike Norris and Cllr Stephen Phillips / Needham Market	Dan Cameron	



### Agenda Item 7a

#### **Committee Report**

Item No: 7A Reference: DC/22/03922
Case Officer: Daniel Cameron

Ward: Claydon & Barham.

Ward Member/s: Cllr Timothy Passmore. Cllr John Whitehead.

#### RECOMMENDATION - GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

#### <u>Description of Development</u>

Full Planning Application - Change of use of part of a redundant care home as a house of multiple occupation creating 32No units and office (retention of).

#### Location

Whitton Park, Thurleston Lane, Whitton, Suffolk

**Expiry Date:** 08/11/2022

**Application Type:** FUL - Full Planning Application **Development Type:** Major Large Scale - All Other

**Applicant:** Mr A Cowell **Agent:** Mr Damian Lockley

Parish: Whitton

Details of Previous Committee / Resolutions and any member site visit: None
Has a Committee Call In request been received from a Council Member (Appendix 1): No
Has the application been subject to Pre-Application Advice: No

#### PART ONE – REASON FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

The application is referred to committee for the following reason:

The adopted Mid Suffolk scheme of delegation requires that applications for residential development of 15 or more dwellings be taken before Development Control Committee.

#### PART TWO - POLICIES AND CONSULTATION SUMMARY

#### **Summary of Policies**

NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework NPPG-National Planning Policy Guidance

**CLASSIFICATION: Official** 

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#### Core Strategy Focussed Review (2012)

FC01 - Presumption In Favour Of Sustainable Development

FC01 1 - Mid Suffolk Approach To Delivering Sustainable Development

#### Core Strategy (2008)

CS01 - Settlement Hierarchy

CS02 - Development in the Countryside & Countryside Villages

CS05 - Mid Suffolk's Environment

#### Local Plan (1998)

H09 – Conversion of rural building to dwellings

H16 - Protecting existing residential amenity

H17 - Keeping residential development away from pollution

T09 - Parking Standards

#### Neighbourhood Plan Status

This application site is not within a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

#### **Consultations and Representations**

During the course of the application Consultation and Representations from third parties have been received. These are summarised below.

#### **A: Summary of Consultations**

#### Parish Council (Appendix 3)

#### Whitton Parish Council Comments received 8th September 2022

Conditions applied to the previous planning permission for apartments should be met, including securing safe access to and from the site with increased visibility and the measures necessary to ensure road safety. There have been a number of minor collisions due to poor visibility in this location and councillors are concerned that a more serious incident could occur.

As the HMO has been in place without a proper licence, councillors were concerned about whether all other safety checks had been completed.

#### **National Consultee (Appendix 4)**

#### N/A

#### **County Council Responses (Appendix 5)**

#### Fire and Rescue Team Comments received 10th August 2022

No comments relating to the planning application. Consideration to whether a fire sprinkler system should be installed within the building is noted, however, this is not a planning matter.

#### Highways Comments received 17th August 2022

No objection subject to conditions.

#### **Internal Consultee Responses (Appendix 6)**

### Economic Development Comments received 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 No comments.

#### **Enforcement Team Comments received 9th August 2022**

There are no live enforcement cases recorded against this site.

# Environmental Health – Sustainability Comments received 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 No objection.

#### Private Sector Housing Team Comments received 1st September 2022

Woodlands has been successfully run as an HMO for the past 5 years.

It has been licensed by our section, the licence has just come up for renewal and I inspected last week. The property has 32 bedrooms, a large, shared dining room and conservatory and 4 shared kitchens, one of which is very large.

Many of the bedrooms meet minimum size standards for occupation by 2 persons but the licence will be for 35 persons with the limitation being on kitchen facilities. Many rooms have their own WC and wash basin and share shower facilities, some have all these facilities and a few share bathrooms / shower rooms, WCs and wash basins.

The licence specifies the maximum number of occupiers, and conditions ensure gas and electrical safety, adequate means of escape from fire and provision of a fire detection system and fire precautions, and storage of refuse. They also ensure the licence holder, and any manager are fit and proper persons and the property is properly managed and maintained.

There have been no issues in the past 5 years and the property provides much needed bedsit accommodation in a spacious, rural setting where minimum disturbance will be caused to neighbouring properties. I would support the application.

#### Strategic Housing Team Comments received 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

A commuted sum to secure affordable housing was secured as a result of a previous permission. Given this, the size of the development and the fact that this proposal will not deliver any additional floorspace or units, it is not currently considered reasonable to seek provision for affordable housing as part of this proposal.

N.B. An HMO is not, for the purposes of planning policy, a C3 residential dwelling which would normally be required to provide an affordable housing contribution either through on-site delivery or commuted sums. An HMO, for avoidance of doubt is a C4 use. The NPPF and the adopted Development Plan share this view.

#### Other Consultees (Appendix 7)

#### **Ipswich Borough Council Comments received 9th August 2022**

Ipswich Borough Council confirm their intention to provide comments on the application.

N.B. To date, no comments have been received from Ipswich Borough Council and the application is now outside of consultation.

#### **B:** Representations

At the time of writing this report no letters/emails/online comments have been received. A verbal update shall be provided as necessary.

(Note: All individual representations are counted and considered. Repeated and/or additional communication from a single individual will be counted as one representation.)

#### **PLANNING HISTORY**

**REF:** DC/22/03922 Full Planning Application - Change of use of **DECISION:** PDE

part of a redundant care home as a house of multiple occupation creating 32No units and

office (retention of).

REF: 2982/15 Change of use from retirement home to 18 DECIS

flats + one staff flat

**DECISION**: GTD

08.04.2016

**REF:** 0897/85 Erection of extension to former bungalow to

form 10 bedrooms, kitchen and dining room as part of retirement home, with layout of

new car parking area.

**DECISION:** GTD 18.02.1986

#### PART THREE - ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

#### 1. The Site and Surroundings

- 1.1 The application site is Woodland Manor, previously in use as a care home, located on the eastern side of Thurleston Lane. It is a large, brick-built building located within a generously sized plot which provides a large area for on-site parking as well as a large area of shared recreational garden.
- 1.2 While a number of residential properties are noted within the immediate vicinity, the overriding character of the surrounding area is agricultural in character, with large field patterns notable, especially to the north. The edge of Ipswich is located 450m away from the site to the south and is strongly urban in character. Thurleston Lane itself is a narrow rural lane without streetlighting or a hardstanding footway.
- 1.3 Members should note the planning history of the site and particularly the decision from 2015 which allowed for a change of use of the site from care home to residential use for 18 flats, plus one management flat. It was approved subject to conditions. This was never implemented and is now lapsed; however, it does indicate that the Local Planning Authority considers a residential use to be acceptable on the site.
- 1.4 Woodland Manor is not a listed building, nor does it fall within the setting of a listed building. It is not located within a conservation area and is does not fall within a designated landscape. It is located within flood zone 1.

#### 2. The Proposal

- 2.1 This application relates purely to the change of use of Woodland Manor from its previous planning use as a care home to its current use as a house in multiple occupation (HMO). In total 32 units with one office are noted within the building.
- 2.2 No external alterations are proposed within this application and the internal alterations to allow the creation of the HMO do not require planning permission given that they are wholly internal, and Woodland Manor is not listed.
- 2.3 It should be noted that while the works within the application are retrospective in that the building has been in use as an HMO for some time, it is still required that the application be considered on its own merits. Therefore, the fact that it is retrospective cannot be a reason to refuse to the application.

#### 3. The Principle of Development

- 3.1 The application site is located outside of any established settlement boundary such that it falls within the countryside of the purposes of planning policy. Policy CS2 sets out acceptable forms of development that may take place within the countryside and notes that the reuse and adaptation of buildings for appropriate purposes is acceptable as set out within the other policies which form part of the adopted Development Plan.
- 3.2 Local Plan policy H09 speaks to conversion of rural buildings to residential uses. It allows for such conversions to occur where the conversion respects the structure, form and character of the building, and those important architectural features of the building are retained. In this instance, no external alterations of the building are proposed, and therefore the external appearance of the building is retained, and the proposed development would be in accordance with this policy. The NPPF contains a not dissimilar policy at paragraph 80 which allows for conversion of rural dwellings where certain criteria are met. It is not considered that the requirements for this policy are met in this instance, as it requires that the buildings be physically isolated which is not strictly the case here, however, paragraph 80 is mentioned in order to demonstrate that the direction of travel indicated within Local Plan policy H09 is not at odds with the NPPF and that policy H09 can attract material weight.
- 3.3 It is therefore considered that the principle of development is established.

#### 4. Nearby Services and Connections Assessment of Proposal

4.1 Member attention in this regard is drawn towards the conclusions made within a Planning Inspectorate decision (APP/W3520/W/20/3256705) made on a site on the other side of Thurleston Lane for the creation of a glamping site. In that instance, the application was refused owing to its rural location and its impact upon it. However, with regards to the sustainability of the appeal site, paragraph 10 of the Inspectorate decision notes that the edge of Ipswich is located within 450m of the site and that while the centre of Ipswich is located some 4.68km away from the appeal site, a convenience store is located some 650m from the site and that a large supermarket is located 1.7km from the site. A bus stop is located 1.37km from the site which offers a high frequency of journeys into the centre of Ipswich. Similar conclusions are drawn with regards to the current application before Members given that it is roughly equidistant to the edge of Ipswich. It would, therefore, not be reasonable to reach a different conclusion in this instance.

4.2 For reference, the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) Planning for Walking document states "Across Britain about 80 per cent of journeys shorter than 1 mile are made wholly on foot". Furthermore, the CIHT guidelines for Providing Journeys on Foot sets out desirable walking distances for journeys with acceptable walking distances of between 400 and 1000m, with the maximum of 1200m being suggested. The Department for Transport Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plans Technical Guidance for Local Authorities sets out a core walking distance of 400m (approx. 5 minutes), with a 2km radius around this, extending the walking zone to 2.4km. Given this, as well as the conclusion reached by the Inspectorate on a neighbouring site, it is considered that the application site is located in a position whereby use of the services and facilities within Ipswich would be available to the residents of the site.

#### 5. Site Access, Parking and Highway Safety Considerations

- Access to the site is existing and is not considered to be intensifying as a result of the proposed change of use given that the number of bedrooms within the building is reduced as a result of this proposal. Consultation with the Highway Authority has been undertaken as part of this application and no objection has been made by them.
- 5.2 Comments from the Parish Council are noted with regards to perceived safety issues on Thurleston Lane. Analysis from Crashmap.co.uk date show no slight, serious or fatal accidents on this patch of Thurleston Lane since 2010. While this does not preclude minor incidents from having occurred on this stretch of road, aside from the anecdotal evidence noted in the Parish Council response, no evidence of incident is recorded.
- 5.3 The NPPF is clear with regards to refusing planning permission on highways reasons. Paragraph 111 of the NPPF states that development should only be prevented or refused if there is an unacceptable impact on highways safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe. This has not been shown in this case. Further, given that the access to the site, layout of roads within it and parking areas serving the building are all existing, it is not considered necessary to impose the conditions suggested by the Highway Authority in their entirety. Conditions to secure the layout of the access and provision of parking would serve no useful purpose given they are existing, however, conditions to secure provision of electric vehicle charging points as well as cycle parking would be reasonable.

#### 6. Design and Layout

6.1 No external alterations are proposed as part of this application. As all required alterations to the building are internal and the building is not listed, there is no requirement for planning permission.

#### 7. Landscape Impact, Trees, Ecology, Biodiversity and Protected Species

7.1 No external works that would affect the surrounding landscape, trees, ecology, biodiversity, or protected species would occur as a result of this development.

#### 8. Land Contamination, Flood Risk, Drainage and Waste

8.1 No issues with regards to land contamination, flood risk, drainage and waste are noted with regards to this application. The residential use of the site was established in 2015 and found to be acceptable in terms of land contamination. With regards to flood risk, the ability of the site to absorb run-off water would not be altered as a result of this application and the site already benefits from connection to the sewer network and an agreed commercial waste disposal contract.

#### 9. Impact on Residential Amenity

9.1 Woodland Manor is an existing building such that the impacts of the building on the amenity of neighbouring properties is already in place. As no external alterations are proposed as part of this application it is considered that existing amenity would be maintained. It is noted that no issues have been reported to the Private Sector Housing Team or Enforcement Team in this regard.

#### **10. Parish Council Comments**

- 10.1 Comments from Whitton Parish Council are appreciated and noted. However, no issue with regards to the access is noted through consultation with the Highway Authority and no incident data since 2010 is recorded by Crashmap.co.uk which pools data from the Department of Transport and the Police, as such it is not considered that no reasonable justification exists in order to impose the access conditions suggested.
- 10.2 With regards to whether the appropriate checks have been undertaken with regards to the HMO use, the comments from the Private Sector Housing Team provides certainty that the required safety checks have been made.

#### PART FOUR - CONCLUSION

#### 11. Planning Balance and Conclusion

- 11.1 With regards to the application it is considered that the application for change of use is acceptable. While the application is retrospective this is useful as it gives a clear indication on the impacts of the development. No third-party objections have been noted in response to the application and no issues are noted with regards to enforcement or the HMO licence on the site.
- 11.2 Given the size and scale of Woodland Manor it lends itself to a use which concentrates occupation within the site. The proposed HMO on site achieves this and does not alter the surrounding rural landscape or character of the area. The site is located close enough to the edge of Ipswich to enable residents to make use of the services and facilities within Ipswich itself.
- 11.3 On balance, it is considered that the application is acceptable, confirming the use of the building results in no material considerations that suggest that the application should be refused.

#### RECOMMENDATION

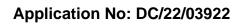
That the Chief Planning Officer be authorised to GRANT Planning Permission subject to conditions as summarised below and those as may be deemed necessary by the Chief Planning Officer:

- Approved plans.
- Provision of electric vehicle charging points within the scheme.
- Provision of cycle storage within the site.

And the following informative notes as summarised and those as may be deemed necessary:

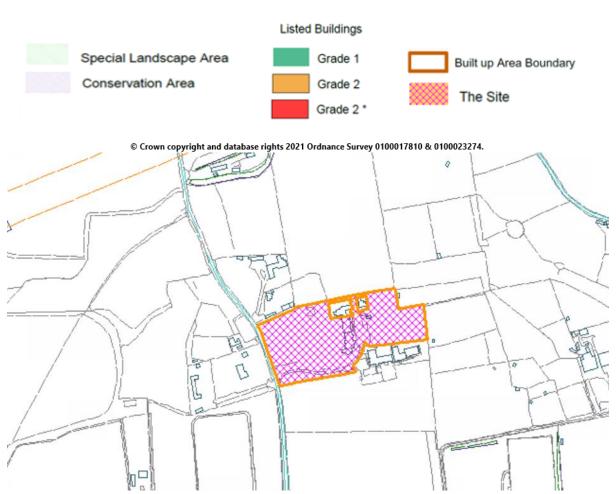
Pro-active working statement.





**Parish: Whitton** 

Location: Whitton Park, Thurleston Lane





### Agenda Item 7b

#### **Committee Report**

Item No: 7B Reference: DC/22/02924
Case Officer: Daniel Cameron

Ward: Needham Market.

Ward Member/s: Cllr Stephen Phillips. Cllr Mike Norris.

#### RECOMMENDATION – APPROVE RESERVED MATTERS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

#### **Description of Development**

Submission of Details (Reserved Matters Application) under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/05621 for the Appearance, Scale and Layout of up to 43no dwellings (14 affordable), Landscaping thereof and Access thereto.

#### Location

Land Off, Jacks Green Road, Creeting St Mary,

**Expiry Date:** 23/12/2022

Application Type: RES - Reserved Matters

**Development Type:** Major Small Scale - Dwellings

Applicant: Ruby Homes (East Anglia) Ltd

**Agent:** Mr Sebastian Blemings

Parish: Creeting St Mary

**Details of Previous Committee / Resolutions and any member site visit:** Outline permission approved under reference DC/18/05621.

Has a Committee Call In request been received from a Council Member (Appendix 1): No Has the application been subject to Pre-Application Advice: No

#### PART ONE - REASON FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

The application is referred to committee for the following reason:

The application is for reserved matters for over fifteen dwellings and is required to be brought before Development Control Committee as per the scheme of delegation.

#### PART TWO - POLICIES AND CONSULTATION SUMMARY

#### **Summary of Policies**

NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework

NPPG-National Planning Policy Guidance

#### Core Strategy Focused Review (2012)

FC01 - Presumption In Favour Of Sustainable Development

FC01\_1 - Mid Suffolk Approach To Delivering Sustainable Development

#### Core Strategy (2008)

CS01 - Settlement Hierarchy

CS02 - Development in the Countryside & Countryside Villages

CS03 - Reduce Contributions to Climate Change

CS04 - Adapting to Climate Change

CS05 - Mid Suffolk's Environment

#### Local Plan (1998)

GP01 - Design and layout of development

HB01 - Protection of historic buildings

HB14 - Ensuring archaeological remains are not destroyed

H07 - Restricting housing development unrelated to needs of countryside

H13 - Design and layout of housing development

H14 - A range of house types to meet different accommodation needs

H15 - Development to reflect local characteristics

H16 - Protecting existing residential amenity

H17 - Keeping residential development away from pollution

H18 - Extensions to existing dwellings

T09 - Parking Standards

T10 - Highway Considerations in Development

#### **Neighbourhood Plan Status**

This application site is not within a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

#### **Consultations and Representations**

During the course of the application Consultation and Representations from third parties have been received. These are summarised below.

#### A: Summary of Consultations

#### Parish Council (Appendix 3)

#### Creeting St. Mary Parish Council comments received 30th June 2022

Creeting St Mary Parish Council wishes to record its **OBJECTION** to the above application and requests that its views, along with those of local residents presented now and previously, are given significant weight by the District Council in determining this application.

As previously submitted for DC/18/05621:

- Overdevelopment Creeting St Mary has recently seen applications approved for many houses in the village especially All Saints Road and also 52 houses on the Breheny site. Another 43 houses on Jacks Green Road is a concerning overdevelopment issue which will overwhelm an already insufficient infrastructure.
- The application site is in an unsustainable location requiring the use of a car, there being no public services and no shops. It therefore contravenes Local Plan Policy CS01 Settlement Hierarchy. Being outside the settlement boundary it also contravenes Local Plan Policy CS02 Development in the Countryside and Countryside Villages. Jacks Green Road has limited footpaths and more traffic movements will increase the possibility of pedestrian and vehicle conflict. Policy T10 Highway Considerations in Development is relevant in this respect.

#### For this application:

 Access / Unsuitable Road – Jacks Green Road is already a very busy road with an ongoing speeding issue. Data retrieved from the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign located on Jacks Green Triangle has presented to us how motorists ignore the speed limit and proves what a dangerous road it can be. Adding another 100+ vehicles to the mix will certainly make the road even more dangerous.

The Parish Council and many residents are against this proposal because it is felt that these proposals will not in any way improve, add, or enhance the village but will only worsen it.

#### National Consultee (Appendix 4)

#### Anglian Water comments received 10th June 2022

No comments.

#### East Suffolk Drainage Board comments received 24th June 2022 and 28th July 2022

Consent may be required for discharge of water to a watercourse under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and under Byelaw 3 and 10.

N.B – Members should note that these consents are separate to the planning process, and it will be up to the developer to ensure that the correct consents are in place.

#### Natural England comments received 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

No comments.

#### **County Council Responses (Appendix 5)**

#### Archaeological Service comments received 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

It is noted that the site lies in an area of archaeological potential. There are no grounds to consider refusal of the application provided conditions are applied to ensure archaeological investigation and assessment of finds.

N.B – Members should note that this response was originally received in response to the original outline planning application. The conditions suggested were applied to the outline planning permission already granted on the site and do not need to be reapplied here.

#### Development Contributions comments received 9th June 2022 and 25th July 2022

The Section 106 Agreement attached to the outline application is noted. It is requested that the provisions secured under that agreement be extended to this application.

N.B – Members should note that the Section 106 would cover the outline and reserved matters application with no need to secure another agreement.

#### Fire & Rescue Team comments received 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Comments were given in response to the outline application. It is requested that the condition applied to it be carried forward in this application.

Officer note: Conditions applied to the outline permission would be carried forward in the event that this application were approved. There is no need to reimpose the conditions originally applied to the outline. In any event, detail on the location of fire hydrants has been provided and confirmed as acceptable by the Fire & Rescue Team.

Floods & Water Team comments received 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Holding objection until the applicant provides the required information.

Officer note: Said detail has been provided as part of the discharge of conditions application.

#### Highways comments received 8th August 2022 and 24th November 2022

Holding objection on the grounds that refuse vehicles would not be able to enter the northern section of the site, now resolved. Conditions recommended to secure creation of access and build out of road network to approved standards.

#### Travel Planning Officer comments received 26th July 2022

No comments.

#### **Internal Consultee Responses (Appendix 6)**

### Environmental Health – Land Contamination comments received 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

No comments.

# Environmental Health – Noise, Odour and Light Pollution comments received 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

A noise assessment and plan of air source heat pumps has been provided by the applicant. These are acceptable; however, conditions should be applied to ensure development is undertaken in line with the recommendations of these documents.

#### Environmental Health -Sustainability comments received 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

No sustainability and energy strategy has been submitted with this application. No comments are possible without this document.

#### Heritage Team comments received 30th June 2022 and 13th August 2022

It is considered that the proposed development would cause no harm to designated heritage assets and will not impact the settings of any listed buildings.

#### Strategic Housing Team comments received 24th June 2022 and 1st August 2022

Initial holding objection overcome following amendment to the affordable housing mix and location of dwellings within the site.

## Public Realm/Biodiversity Project Manager comments received 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Comments previously made by the Biodiversity Project Manager and the Public Realm Team have been addressed. Further clarity on bird boxes and bat boxes is required and some further minor detail regarding the play area is required. In particular, this should add some natural play features (boulders, buried wood) to the site and ensure there is a kick rail placed between the parking area and the play equipment.

#### **B:** Representations

At the time of writing this report at least 3 letters/emails/online comments have been received. It is the officer opinion that this represents 3 objections/comments on the scheme. A verbal update shall be provided as necessary.

Views are summarised below:

- Development already occurring on former Breheny site.
- · Lack of infrastructure to support new houses.
- Traffic on the road would represent a danger to users.
- Primary school cannot accept further pupils.
- Development out of keeping with character of the area.
- Street lighting would create significant light pollution in the area.
- Height of bund and acoustic fencing should be confirmed.
- Some planting should be undertaken at the start of the project to establish boundaries to existing properties.
- Issues with public gaining access to neighbouring sites and harming animals kept there.

(Note: All individual representations are counted and considered. Repeated and/or additional communication from a single individual will be counted as one representation.)

#### **PLANNING HISTORY**

<b>REF</b> : DC/18/05621	Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Residential Development for up to 43 dwellings(14 affordable).	<b>DECISION:</b> GTD 08.09.2020
<b>REF</b> : DC/22/02924	Submission of Details (Reserved Matters Application) under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/05621 for the Appearance, Scale and Layout of up to 43no dwellings (14 affordable), Landscaping thereof and Access thereto.	DECISION: PCO
<b>REF</b> : DC/22/03618	Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/05621- Condition 3 (Phasing), Condition 5 (Archaeological Investigation), Condition 7 (Materials), Condition 8 (Construction Method Statement), Condition 10 (Land Contamination Investigation), Condition 11 (Acoustic Design Statement), Condition 12 (Sustainability and Energy	DECISION: PCO

Statement), Condition 14 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme), Condition 16 (Fire Hydrants) and Condition 17 (Ecological

Enhancements)

REF: 0242/90/OL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 2.226 **DECISION**: REF HA. OF LAND INCLUDING LAYOUT AND 13.12.1990

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#### PART THREE - ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

#### 1. The Site and Surroundings

- 1.1 The site is a roughly triangular parcel of land, 2.35ha in size, located to the north of Jack's Green Road with the A14 forming the north-eastern boundary. The site is currently laid to grass and is used as agricultural land for the production of hay. A group of veteran trees is located adjacent to the south-eastern corner of the site but does not fall within the site, while small hedgerows form the boundary to Jack's Green Road. A drainage ditch crosses the site, running south-west to north-east with hedgerow to either side.
- 1.2 A short run of linear residential development is apparent to the north of the application site, while a small cul-de-sac, Jordan Close, and a larger, suburban development, St. Mary's Garden are apparent to the west and south-west respectively.
- 1.3 The site falls outside of the settlement boundaries of either Needham Market or Creeting St. Mary, such that the adopted Development Plan would place it within the countryside. Needham Market's High Street is located some 1.1km away from the application site, while the primary school in Creeting St. Mary is a similar distance.
- 1.4 Flood zones 2 and 3 are shown to cross the site, centred on the drainage ditch, with the land beyond within flood zone 1. The developed area shown within the indicative plan approved under the outline is entirely within flood zone 1.
- 1.5 No other constraints are identified within the site. It does not include any trees that are subject to a Tree Protection Order (TPO) and does not form part of a Special Landscape Area (SLA) or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). No public footpaths cross the site and it is not within a conservation area.
- 1.6 No listed buildings are noted within the immediate vicinity although the Grade II\* listed Church of St. Mary at Creeting St. Mary is noted on the rising landscape above the application site while a small number of Grade II listed farm cottages are noted on Flordon Road.

#### 2. The Proposal

2.1 This application follows the grant of outline planning permission for the erection of up to 43 dwellings was made under reference DC/18/05621. All matters were reserved at that point such that matters of access, appearance, layout, landscaping, and scale are included here for consideration.

- 2.2 The submitted plans shows a total of 43 no. dwellings arranged in a manner similar to that shown within the indicative plans approved at outline stage. In terms of the open market housing, 28 dwellings are proposed within the following mix:
  - 2 no. 5 bed detached
  - 5 no. 4 bed detached
  - 7 no. 3 bed detached
  - 8 no. 3 bed semi-detached and terraced
  - 2 no. 2 bed semi-detached
  - 4 no. 2 bed bungalows
- 2.3 Fifteen units of affordable housing are proposed, a slight increase over the amount noted at outline stage. It is not considered that this increase in affordable housing number is fatal to the reserved matters application. Affordable housing within the scheme is provided in the following mix:
  - 3 no. 3 bed unit Affordable Rent
  - 7 no. 2 bed units Affordable Rent
  - 2 no. 1 bed units Affordable Rent
  - 1 no. 3 bed unit Shared Ownership
  - 2 no. 2 bed units Shared Ownership
- 2.4 The description of development meets with the originally approved description and the level of affordable housing on offer would be policy compliant. Housing is at maximum, two storeys in height with a small number of bungalows present within the scheme. All units are served by air source heat pumps, a level of parking provision which meets adopted standards and avoids use of triple parking, and private amenity areas. A play area is noted within the scheme and an area of wildflower meadow beyond.
- 2.5 Application DC/22/03618 has also been submitted and provides details for the following planning conditions attached to the outline permission:
  - Condition 3 Phasing of works.
  - Condition 5 Scheme of onsite archaeological investigation.
  - Condition 7 External materials.
  - Condition 8 Construction method statement.
  - Condition 10 Land contamination investigation.
  - Condition 11 Acoustic design statement.
  - Condition 12 Sustainability and energy strategy.
  - Condition 14 Surface water drainage scheme.
  - Condition 16 Provision of fire hydrants.
  - Condition 17 Ecological enhancement.

#### 3. The Principle of Development

- 3.1 Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that 'If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise'.
- 3.2 Outline planning permission that has been granted by the Council under application ref DC/18/05621 clearly establishes the acceptability of residential development taking place on the identified site for up to 43 no. dwellings, and is the starting point for the decision making process. Members are not tasked with re-considering the planning permission from scratch; rather, it is necessary to consider those details reserved under the planning permission for determination at

- this current stage of the overall process. The principle of development is therefore effectively fixed, subject to the conditions attached to the grant of outline planning permission.
- 3.3 As Members are aware, the examination of the Council's emerging Joint Local Plan (JLP) is currently paused, pending the submission of additional information. Within the emerging Joint Local Plan (JLP), the site is allocated under reference LS01 as part of the Creeting St. Mary -Jack's Green settlement boundary, such that, given time, the site will become part of the adopted Development Plan. Nevertheless, Members are advised that the weight that may be attached to JLP as part of the consideration of development proposals is limited at this stage.
- In summary, the acceptability of the identified site to accept up to 43 no. dwellings is established in principle and is the starting point for the determination of this reserved matters application.

#### 4. Nearby Services and Connections Assessment of Proposal

- 4.1 As previously mentioned, the immediate vicinity of the area does not offer any facilities or services to residents to support the residential use within the area. However, both Needham Market and Creeting St. Mary are within an accessible walking distance from the site along hardstanding footpaths. The distances future residents would be expected to walk to reach the services and facilities of either is 1.1km.
- 4.2 For reference, the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) Planning for Walking document states "Across Britain about 80 per cent of journeys shorter than 1 mile are made wholly on foot". Furthermore, the CIHT guidelines for Providing Journeys on Foot sets out desirable walking distances for journeys with acceptable walking distances of between 400 and 1000m, with the maximum of 1200m being suggested. The Department for Transport Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plans Technical Guidance for Local Authorities sets out a core walking distance of 400m (8pprox.. 5 minutes), with a 2km radius around this, extending the walking zone to 2.4km. With the distances noted above, both Creeting St. Mary and Needham Market fall within acceptable walking distances from the development.
- 4.4 Services and facilities are limited within Creeting St. Mary with only the primary school, public house and play area noted.
- 4.5 Access to services and facilities within Needham Market is far more extensive, reflecting its position within the settlement hierarchy set out within the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy document. It provides access to an array of shops, medical facilities and public houses. More importantly, it gives access to the wider public transport network through connection to the rail network and bus services.

#### 5. Site Access, Parking and Highway Safety Considerations

- 5.1 Vehicular access to the site is made via Jack's Green Road. While the roads are not to be adopted by the Highway Authority, they are acceptable, and their widths allow for access by refuse tenders and emergency vehicles. Some questions have been raised in this regard within consultation, however, swept path analysis of the roads confirm that there is no issue in this regard and the Highway Authority have withdrawn their objection.
- 5.2 A second point of access is made to serve the public open space adjacent to the housing site and is similarly acceptable. It is intended to create an access for vehicles servicing and maintaining the open space and play area or for those accessing the play area.

- 5.3 Internal roads are arranged with a single spine road serving most properties with the remainder served from a secondary internal road. No triple parking is noted within the site and all dwellings are served by parking which meets adopted parking standards including provision of an electric vehicle charging point.
- 5.4 Policy T10 of the Local Plan requires the Local Planning Authority to consider a number of highway matters when determining planning applications, including the provision of safe access, the safe and free flow of traffic and pedestrian safety, safe capacity of the road network and the provision of adequate parking and turning for vehicles. Policy T10 is a general transport policy which is generally consistent with Section 9 of the NPPF on promoting sustainable transport, and therefore is afforded considerable weight.
- 5.5 Paragraph 111 of the NPPF confirms that development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.

#### 6. Design, Layout and Scale

- 6.1 Policy GP01 sets out to ensure that all development is of appropriate scale, form, design and construction materials. Paragraph 130 of the NPPF seeks to achieve similar aims.
- 6.2 The originally proposed layout is in accordance with the illustrative plans submitted at outline stage and retains the area of open space adjacent to the housing development. Revised plans have adapted and altered the proposed layout and design such that it is now considered to be acceptable.
- 6.3 The layout of the site proposes a modern estate style of development. Housing is designed to be inward looking, however, given the position of the proposed development at the edge of the village and adjacent to the countryside gap to Creeting St. Mary and A14, this is not particularly objectionable.
- 6.4 Housing is typically two-storey in height, matching the overall character of development in the surrounding area, although a number of bungalows are noted as well at key points within the scheme. The design of the proposed units are in keeping with the surrounding development which is modern, dating from the 1960s. A mix of brick and weatherboarding is noted, all materials which can be seen within the surrounding area and are considered to be acceptable within this context.

#### 7. Landscape Impact, Trees, Ecology, Biodiversity and Protected Species

- 7.1 Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy seeks to protect and conserve landscape qualities taking into account the natural environment and the historical dimension of the landscape as a whole rather than concentrating solely on selected areas, protecting the District's most important components and encouraging development that is consistent with conserving its overall character. However, blanket protection for the natural or historic environment as espoused by Policy CS5 is not wholly consistent with the Framework and is afforded limited weight.
- 7.2 Paragraph 170 of the NPPF states that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils.
- 7.3 The site is not part of a Special Landscape Area and not part of any other landscape designation. It was previously utilised as an agricultural field, so its development would remove this from the wider landscape. However, the site lies within an area where residential development is noted and

although while in the main it is arranged in a linear arrangement, there are neighbouring estate style developments in the immediate vicinity. The majority of on-site vegetation is to be retained within the site and in many instances enhanced with additional planting. The Public Realm Team are content with the overall planting scheme for the site, although they do request some additional detailing to be added to the public open space this can be secured by condition.

7.4 Ecological impact and biodiversity enhancement was considered under the outline application and forms part of the discharge of condition package submitted alongside this application.

#### 8. Land Contamination, Flood Risk, Drainage and Waste

8.1 Details of land contamination, flood risk, drainage and waste were considered at outline stage and found to be acceptable. Details of land contamination and the SuDS details form part of the discharge of conditions package. Comments from the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) note a holding objection until further detail is provided with regards to SuDS, however, this forms part of the discharge of condition package and will be explored in further detail below.

#### 9. Heritage Issues

- 9.1 Policy HB1 of the Local Plan seeks to protect the character and appearance of buildings of architectural or historic interest, particularly protecting the settings of Listed Buildings. Section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 states that special attention shall be paid to the desirability of preserving a listed building, its setting or other architectural or historic features from which it draws significance. In practice, a finding of harm to the historic fabric of a listed building, its setting or any special features it possesses gives rise to a presumption against the granting of planning permission.
- 9.2 The Council's Heritage Team were consulted on the application and maintain their position from the outline application, which confirms that the proposed development would cause no harm to designated heritage assets and would have no impact on the setting of any listed buildings.

#### 10. Impact on Residential Amenity

- 10.1 Saved Policy H13 of the Local Plan seeks to ensure new housing development protects the amenity of neighbouring residents. Saved Policy H16 of the Local Plan seeks to protect the existing amenity of residential areas. Paragraph 130 of the NPPF sets out a number of core planning principles as to underpin decision-taking, including, seeking to secure a high standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings.
- 10.2 The site is adjacent to the A14 and an acoustic design report was required at outline stage to ensure that residential dwellings were not adversely affected by the proximity of traffic noise. Consultation with the Environmental Health Team notes that these details are acceptable., the site is to be surrounded by a 3m high bund, on top of which an acoustic fence is to be located, with planting on the bund added to further screen the site from noise disturbance. Comments from the Environmental Health team noted no issue with the use of air source heat pumps to the properties provided they were installed correctly.
- 10.3 The layout of the scheme avoids internal overlooking and is positioned a good distance away from neighbouring dwellings to allow the same conclusions to be reached. Back to back distances within the site are acceptable and no adverse impacts are noted with regards to loss of natural light.

#### 11. Planning Obligations/Community Infrastructure Levy

- 11.1 A Section 106 Agreement is in place for the site. It secures delivery of policy compliant affordable housing on site along with funding for the transport of secondary school aged pupils from the site to the nearest secondary school.
- 11.2 It is also noted that the development would be subject to paying Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

#### 12. Parish Council Comments

- 12.1 Creeting St. Mary Parish Council note that their previous objections to the application remain. For the avoidance of doubt, these related to overdevelopment of Creeting St. Mary, oversubscription school and doctors' surgeries, overhead power cables over the site and flood risk.
- 12.2 With regards to these issues, these were addressed during the outline stage of planning and were not found to be so adverse that permission should have been refused. Infrastructure development could be expanded and funded utilising CIL received from this development, overhead power cables do not interfere with the site and drainage details on the site have been considered by the LLFA and found to be acceptable.

#### 13. Discharge of Conditions

- 13.1 As noted above, discharge of condition application DC/22/03618 accompanies this application and provides detail on a number of pre-commencement or concurrent with submission of reserved matters issues including:
  - Condition 3 Phasing of works.
  - Condition 5 Scheme of onsite archaeological investigation.
  - Condition 7 External materials.
  - Condition 8 Construction method statement.
  - Condition 10 Land contamination investigation.
  - Condition 11 Acoustic design statement.
  - Condition 12 Sustainability and energy strategy.
  - Condition 14 Surface water drainage scheme.
  - Condition 16 Provision of fire hydrants.
  - Condition 17 Ecological enhancement.
- 13.2 Officers can report that with regards to the above conditions, no objections from consultees remain to be addressed and confirmation that theses details are acceptable is held on the planning file. This includes securing environmentally friendly construction techniques and facility to reduce carbon emissions, running costs and water use of the dwellings in occupation. Air source heat pumps are proposed to heat all dwellings within the scheme and electric vehicle charging points are delivered to all dwellings. Solar panels are not proposed at this point, however, buildings are orientated so most have some south facing roof slopes to take advantage of this and installation of solar panels on a residential dwelling would fall under permitted development such that no planning application would be required. Conditions attached to the outline permission have been appropriately worded such that once approved, the development will be required to be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

#### **PART FOUR - CONCLUSION**

#### 14. Planning Balance and Conclusion

- 14.1 The principle of development on this site has been agreed through the approval of DC/18/05621 and this application only relates to matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.
- 14.2 In this regard, the application is found to be acceptable. It would sit comfortably with the immediate surroundings of the site, which are modern estate developments and linear residential development.
- 14.3 Some minor queries are noted within the consultee responses to the application, particularly with regards to SuDS, however, examination of the discharge of conditions application DC/22/03618 shows that the LLFA are content to discharge the condition relating to SuDS.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Chief Planning Officer be authorised to APPROVE Reserved Matters application subject to conditions as summarised below and those as may be deemed necessary by the Chief Planning Officer:

- That conditions applied to the outline approval continue to apply here.
- Development to be built out in line with approved plans.
- Access to be provided as shown and before any other part of the development is undertaken.
- Means to prevent discharge of surface water onto the highway to be submitted and agreed prior to commencement.
- Bin storage and presentation areas to be submitted and agreed and available for use prior to occupation.
- Details of estate roads and footpaths to be agreed.
- Estate roads and footpaths to be delivered prior to occupation of each dwelling.
- Parking and turning areas to be provided as shown on drawings.
- Electric vehicle charging points to be provided prior to occupation.
- Provision of garages, carports and cycle stores to be provided prior to occupation.
- Visibility splays to the provided to the access prior to first occupation.
- Air source heat pumps to be installed in line with the submitted plans and in accordance with the detail in the technical report.
- Additional detail on the parking area adjacent the play area to provide detail of a kick rail/knee rail to separate the parking area from the play area.

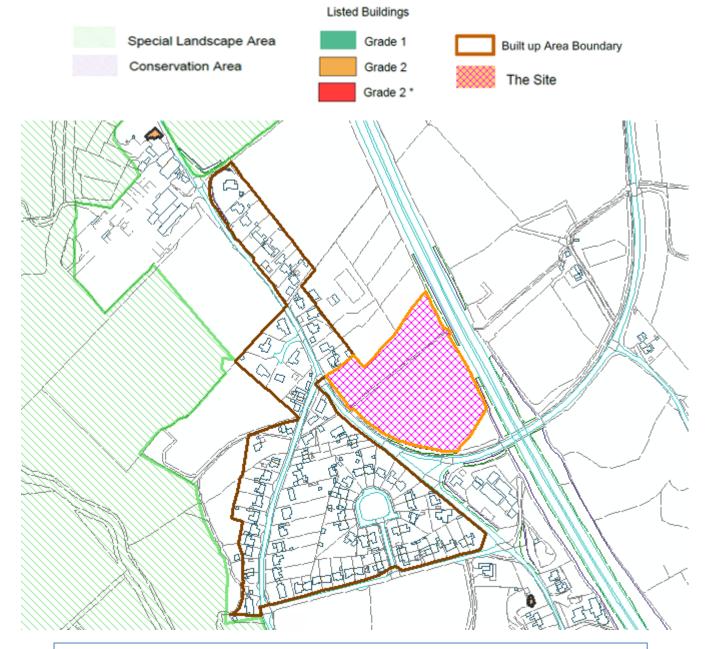
And the following informative notes as summarised and those as may be deemed necessary:

- Pro-active working statement
- Highways note

Application No: DC/22/02924

**Parish: Creeting St Mary** 

**Location: Land Off Jacks Green Road, Creeting St Mary** 



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