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28<sup>th</sup> February 2000

Dear Mrs. Lewis

**Knightshill Farm, Aston Ingham, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.**  
**Conversion of Outbuildings and Barns to form 4 No. residential dwellings. Renovation and**  
**conservation of the house and all other buildings in the group.**  
**Planning application SS990116PF and Listed Building Consent application SS990117LD.**



Further to our meeting with the following present: Mr. and Mrs. D. Aubrey, Mrs. A. Aubrey, Mr. Martin Jones, Councillor John Edwards, myself and yourself.

I enclose a copy of the ordnance map(1:2500) with grass verge step off safe areas for pedestrians, as discussed. These areas are the only areas possible to be put to this use without significant engineering works being carried out affecting the highway. In general on the western side of the road the verge is very narrow and falls steeply away and if the hedge were to be trimmed back this would encourage the vehicles to travel closer to the edge making the road less safe for vehicles. In general, on the eastern side of the road the bank supporting the hedge above rises steeply from the road edge and to increase the width of the grass verge would be to de-stabilise the bank itself, making landslips of the bank into the road more likely.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher F. Knock'.

Christopher F. Knock

Copies to:  
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey.  
Mr. Martin Jones, Herefordshire Council Planning.  
Cllr. John Edwards.

# Road safety fears as house plans approved

ROSS GAZETTE 24/2/2000

PLANNERS have given the go-ahead for a housing development at Aston Ingham, in spite of fears about safety on the road leading from the proposed development to the Lea.

Plans for the conversion of outbuildings and barns into houses at Knightshall Farm, Aston Ingham, were debated at a meeting of the Herefordshire Council's Southern Area Planning Sub-committee in Hereford last week.

It had been suggested that the applicant be asked to supply a footway to the Lea but some of the land bordering the road is not in the ownership of the applicant.

The local member, Cllr John Edwards, said as far as the application and site were concerned, all was in order, but he added: "I have a tremendous amount of concern about the road

below the site.

"There will be 20 or more people living in this settlement and it is quite a way from the Lea, and about 600 yards before you can get to a footpath.

"It is potentially extremely dangerous. If two lorries were to meet, there would be nowhere for a pedestrian to get off the road in safety - they could be squashed.

"The new Transport Plan for Herefordshire gives the priority to pedestrians, people with mobility problems and cyclists."

He suggested that councillors should make a site visit to see the problem for themselves.

Planning officer Martin Jones said if the application was deferred for a site visit the applicant could go to appeal for non-determination. He said the application should be delegated

to the officers who would consult with the applicant and the local member about the problem.

Cllr Eunice Saunders said: "No one could have road safety closer to their hearts than I have. I would like to see a footway but if we could get a grass verge that would be something. I don't think we can delay this application too much."

Cllr Godfrey Davis said a site visit might just put off the application for a month and they would see nothing at the end of it. "I am against a site visit, we should determine this today."

Mr Edwards agreed to withdraw his request for a site visit. The councillors agreed to delegate to the officers regarding some provision for pedestrians on the road.

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COUNCILLOR Joyce Thomas is holding a surgery this Thursday (24th) at 10am until 12pm at Ross Library.

On March 2nd Cllr Mark Cunningham will be in attendance.

Herefordshire MP Paul Keetch will hold his surgery on March 4th from 10am until 12 noon at the Ross Town Council Chambers.

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