8 DCSW2005/0744/F - NEW HOUSE, ALUN HOUSE GARDEN, CHURCH ROAD, PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE

For: Mr. & Mrs. K.G. Lewis per John Farr and Associates Fincham, Stockley Hill, Peterchurch, Hereford, HR2 0SS

Date Received: 8th March, 2005 Ward: Golden Valley Grid Ref: 34505, 38607

North

Expiry Date: 3rd May, 2005

Local Member: Councillor N.J.J. Davies

1. Site Description and Proposal

- 1.1 The application site comprises an area of land immediately to the south-west of Almshouses, that in turn are south-west of the Boughton Arms which is on the western side of the main thoroughfare, the B4348 road in Peterchurch. There is a garage to the north-west of this plot, access to which is along the western boundary of this well screened site on Church Road, an unclassified road (u/c 75405). The site is within the settlement boundary for Peterchurch, which is identified as a larger settlement in Policy SH.8 in the South Herefordshire District Local Plan.
- 1.2 The application has been advertised as affecting the setting of the Grade I Listed St. Peter's Church which is to the south-south-west of the proposed site.
- 1.3 It is proposed to erect a 3 bedroom dwelling set back 7 metres from edge of pavement on Church Road. The house has a gable fronted element that projects forward from the main bulk of the dwelling. This gable fronted element reflects the two end gables of the Almshouses immediately to the north-east of the site. An elevation onto Church Road has been provided, it demonstrates that the brick faced and slate covered dwelling is 7.6 metres to the ridge. The ridge height on the Almshouses is 7 metres. A chimney stack on the roof slope of the building closest to the site is 8.8 metres high to the top of the stack.

2. Policies

2.1 Planning Policy Guidance

PPS.1 - Delivering Sustainable Development

2.2 Hereford and Worcester County Structure Plan

Policy CTC.2 - Areas of Great Landscape Value

Policy H.16A - Housing in Rural Areas

2.3 South Herefordshire District Local Plan

Policy GD.1 - General Development Criteria

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Policy C.8 - Areas of Great Landscape Value

Policy C.29 - Setting of a Listed Building

Policy SH.8 - New Housing Development Criteria in Larger Villages

3. Planning History

3.1 SW2000/2233/O Site for residential development - Approved 20.11.00

SW2004/0957/F New house - Withdrawn 09.03.04

4. Consultation Summary

Statutory Consultations

4.1 No statutory or non-statutory consultations required.

Internal Council Advice

- 4.2 Traffic Manager recommends that conditions be attached in the event of planning permission being granted.
- 4.3 Conservation Manager has no objections from an architectural point of view; he recommends that further details of finishes be made conditional.

5. Representations

5.1 Peterchurch Parish Council's observations are as follows:

"Council feels dwelling is out of scale with adjacent buildings."

5.2 One letter has been received from:

The Trustees of John Smith's Charity, c/o The Old Rectory, Turnastone, Vowchurch, HR2 0RD

The following main points are raised:

- stress how important it is that light to the windows of the adjoining almshouses is not restricted
- also that the almswomen are not disturbed unduly during the construction period.

The full text of this letter can be inspected at Southern Planning Services, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford and prior to the Sub-Committee meeting.

6. Officers Appraisal

- 6.1 The main issues are considered to be the style and form of the development and the relationship of the proposed dwelling to the adjoining almshouses.
- 6.2 The dwelling proposed is set back into the site a minimum distance of 7 metres from the edge of the highway. This allows the almshouses to be viewed from the southwest in particular. The ridge height of the proposed dwelling is approximately 600mm higher than the ridge heights of the three buildings that form the courtyard shaped

almshouses adjoining the proposal site. It is considered that 7.6 metres for a modern dwelling that is set back in the site as described above is satisfactory. The respective buildings are not in line with one another and the chimney stack on the almshouses is higher than the ridge height of the proposed dwelling. The visual importance of the almshouses is not impaired. The proximity of the dwelling and its positioning should not result in undue overlooking and loss of daylighting to the west elevation of the nearest building. This is given the orientation of the site in relationship to the almshouses.

- 6.3 Further details are needed relating to finishes to windows and cills, as well as for the facing brick and type of slate proposed. The choice of facing brick is important given the visual amenity of the almshouses in this part of Peterchurch. It is not considered that a dwelling erected on the site would detract from the setting of the Grade I Listed St. Peter's Church.
- 6.4 There is a slight discrepancy in the plans submitted as regards a rear porch/canopy to the rear of the dwelling and how it appears in elevations. This will need to be resolved before planning permission can be granted.

RECOMMENDATION

That subject to the receipt of revised plans relating to the rear of the dwelling, the officers named in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers be authorised to issue planning permission subject to the following conditions and any conditions considered necessary by officers:

1. A01 (Time limit for commencement (full permission))

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. A07 (Development in accordance with approved plans)

Reason: To ensure adherence to the approved plans in the interests of a satisfactory form of development.

3. B01 (Samples of external materials)

Reason: To ensure that the materials harmonise with the surroundings.

4. Details of materials and finishes to all new joinery, window heads, cills, eaves and verges, dormer windows and rooflights shall be the subject of the prior written approval of the local planning authority before any development commences on site.

Reason: In order to define the terms to which the application relates.

5. H03 (Visibility splays)

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

6. H05 (Access gates)

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

7. H12 (Parking and turning - single house)

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to ensure the free flow of traffic using the adjoining highway.

8. H27 (Parking for site operatives)

Reason: To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interests of highway safety.

9. F41 (No burning of materials/substances during construction phase)

Reason: To safeguard residential amenity and prevent pollution.

10. D03 (Site observation - archaeology)

Reason: To allow the potential archaeological interest of the site to be investigated and recorded.

11. G04 (Landscaping scheme (general))

Reason: In order to protect the visual amenities of the area.

12. G05 (Implementation of landscaping scheme (general))

Reason: In order to protect the visual amenities of the area.

Informative(s):

- 1. ND03 Contact Address
- 2. HN01 Mud on highway
- 3. HN05 Works within the highway
- 4. HN10 No drainage to discharge to highway
- 5. N15 Reason(s) for the Grant of Planning Permission

Decision:	 	
Notes:		

Background Papers

Internal departmental consultation replies.