

7 DCCE2005/4065/F - ERECTION OF DELIVERY POUCH BOX (SINGLE) AT GRASSED AREA AT ENTRANCE TO MEADOW BANK ROAD ON JUNCTION WITH LEDBURY ROAD, HEREFORD, HR1 2ST**For: Royal Mail, Station Approach, Hereford, HR1 1AA****Date Received: 7th December, 2005 Ward: Tupsley Grid Ref: 52011, 39835****Expiry Date: 1st February, 2006**

Local Members: Councillors Mrs. M.D. Lloyd-Hayes, Mrs. E.A. Taylor and W.J. Walling

1. Site Description and Proposal

- 1.1 The proposed site is a large triangular grassed area of highway verge situated at the east side of the junction between Meadow Bank Road and Ledbury Road.
- 1.2 This application seeks planning permission to erect a steel pouch box measuring approximately 660mm x 450mm x 400mm. It will be painted grey and mounted on a tubular pedestal (700mm high) to give an overall height of 1360mm.
- 1.3 The pouch box is effectively a small secure and local mail storage drop off point. Mail pouches being transferred from a delivery van to the secure box for later collection and distribution by the local postman in quantities that meet health and safety weight limit requirements. In this case, the Delivery Manager has confirmed that the proposed pouch box will specifically cover the area of Meadow Bank Road, Foley Street and the upper end of Ledbury Road. The application is one of 15 similar proposals recently submitted throughout Hereford.

2. Policies

2.1 Hereford Local Plan:

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| Policy ENV14 | - | Design |
| Policy H12 | - | Established Residential Areas – Character and Amenity |

2.2 Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan (Revised Deposit Draft):

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| Policy DR1 | - | Design |
| Policy DR2 | - | Land Use and Activity |

3. Planning History

- 3.1 None identified.

4. Consultation SummaryStatutory Consultations

- 4.1 None.

Internal Council Advice

- 4.2 Traffic Manager: no objections but suggests that the box would be better located approximately 6 metres further down Meadow Bank Road.

5. Representations

- 5.1 Hereford City Council: no objection.

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

6. Officers Appraisal

- 6.1 The key considerations in the determination of this application are as follows:-

- (a) The impact on visual amenities
- (b) Highway safety issues

Impact on Visual Amenities

- 6.2 The pouch box is of a relatively modest scale and is of simple design. It would be positioned adjacent to an existing lamppost and in this context it is considered that this small scale item of street furniture will blend into the street scene without causing harm to the visual amenity of the locality.

Highway Safety Issues

- 6.3 The pouch box is designed as a drop off point to store mail for later collection by the postman. Van delivery will occur once a day only. It is considered that this low level of activity will not increase the level of hazard to the local residents and other road users and as such the proposal is considered acceptable in relation to highway safety. It should be noted that in light of the concerns raised by the Traffic Manager, the pouch box has been relocated further away from the junction of Meadow Bank Road and Ledbury Road.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

- 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. A06 (Development in accordance with approved plans).**

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

Informative:

- 1. N15 - Reason(s) for the Grant of PP.**

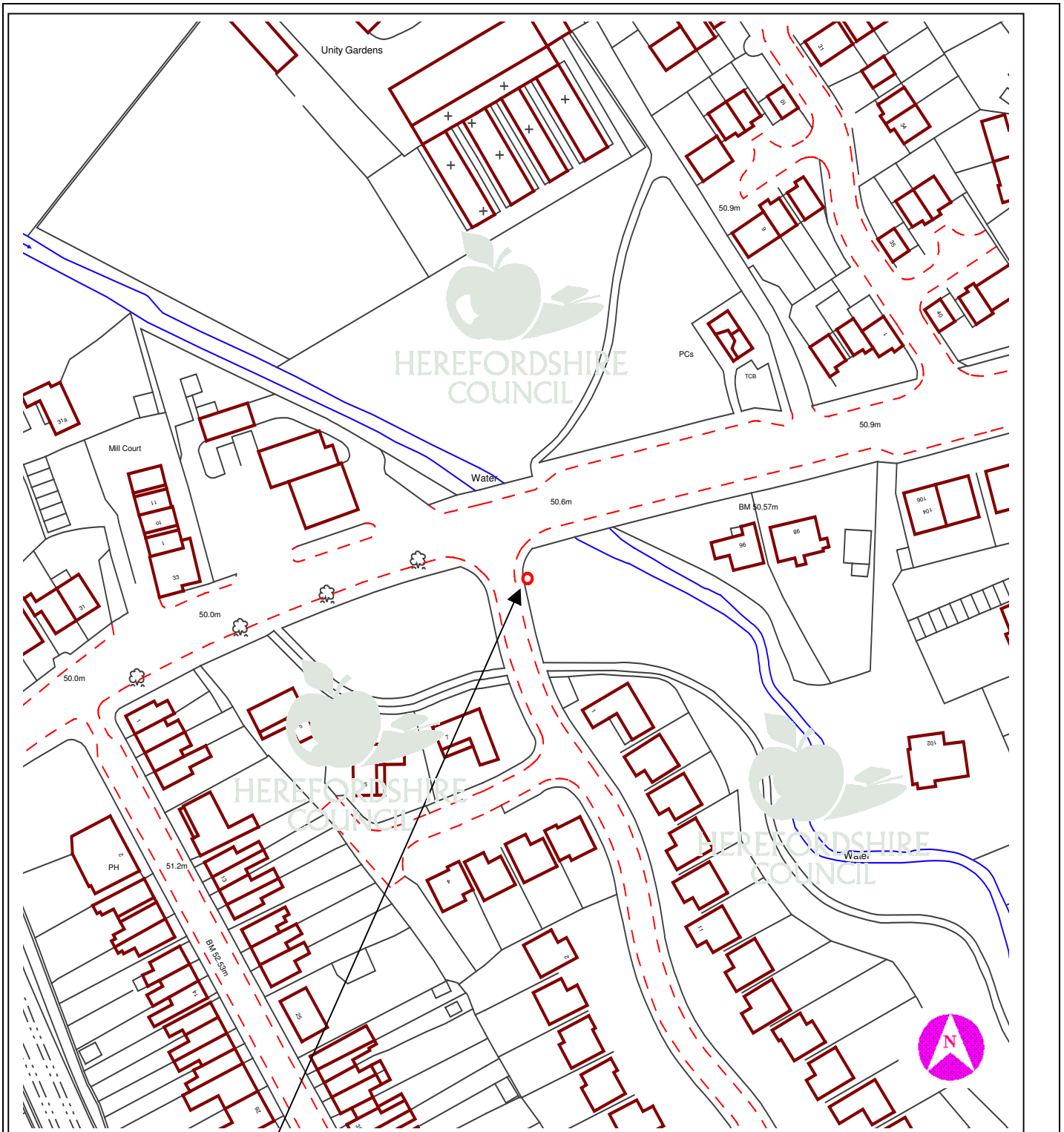
Decision:

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Background Papers

Internal departmental consultation replies.



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SCALE : 1 : 1250

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