# Item No. 13

APPLICATION NUMBER CB/11/03465/OUT

LOCATION 41 High Street, Henlow, SG16 6AA

PROPOSAL Outline: Redevelopment of offices to provide four

flats and seven houses including conversion of office building and demolition of outbuildings (All

matters reserved except access)

PARISH Henlow WARD Arlesey

WARD COUNCILLORS Clirs Dalgarno, Drinkwater & Wenham

CASE OFFICER Mark Spragg

DATE REGISTERED 29 September 2011
EXPIRY DATE 29 December 2011
APPLICANT Champneys Henlow Ltd
AGENT Collins & Coward Ltd

REASON FOR Application called in by Cllr Wenham to allow COMMITTEE TO Henlow Parish Council the opportunity to speak at

DETERMINE Committee.

RECOMMENDED

**DECISION** Outline Application - Granted

1. The modified (widened) vehicular access shall be constructed and surfaced in accordance with details to be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for a distance of 5m into the site, measured from the highway boundary, before the premises are occupied. Arrangements shall be made for surface water drainage from the site to be intercepted and disposed of separately so that it does not discharge into the highway.

Reason: To avoid the carriage of mud or other extraneous material or surface water from the site into the highway so as to safeguard the interest of the highway.

#### Recommendation

That Planning Permission be approved subject to the completion of a Section 106 planning obligation requiring contributions towards local infrastructure and affordable housing and subject to the following conditions:

The development hereby permitted shall be begun either before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission, or before the expiration of two years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved, whichever is the later.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Sections 92 (2) (b) and (4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2 Approval of the details of:-
  - (a) the layout of the building(s);
  - (b) the scale of the building(s);

- (c) the appearance of the building(s);
- (d) the landscaping of the site;

(hereinafter called "the reserved matters") shall be obtained from the Local Planning Authority in writing before any development is commenced. Plans and particulars of all of the reserved matters referred to above shall be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to exercise control over the said matters which are not particularised in the application for planning permission in accordance with Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.

Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Local Planning Authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 92 (2) (a) and (4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Details of materials to be used for the external finishes of the development hereby approved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be carried out in accordance therewith.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the completed development by ensuring that the development hereby permitted is finished externally with materials to match/complement the existing building(s) and the visual amenities of the locality.

Prior to commencement of development a Written Multi-Stage Scheme of Archaeological Investigation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Written Multi-Stage Scheme of Archaeological Investigation must be fully compliant with the Brief prepared by the Archaeological Advisor for the Local Planning Authority. The said development shall only be implemented in accordance with the scheme thereby approved.

Reason: To record and advance understanding of the significance of the heritage asset in accordance with Policy HE12.3 of PPS5.

Development shall not begin until details of the junction of the proposed vehicular access with the highway have been approved by the Local Planning Authority and no building shall be occupied until the junction has been improved and constructed in accordance with the approved details. For the avoidance of doubt the access shall have a minimum width of 5.5m over the initial 8m when measured from the existing nearside kerbline.

Reason: In order to minimise danger, obstruction and inconvenience to users of the highway and the development in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

Before the access is brought into use an area of land across the whole of the site frontage measuring at least 2.4m from and parallel to the nearside edge of the adjacent road carriageway shall be provided and thereafter be kept free of all obstruction to visibility.

Reason: To maximise the level of visibility between the existing highway and the proposed access and to make the access safer and more convenient for the traffic which is likely to use it, in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

Development shall not begin until the detailed plans and sections of the proposed internal access road, including gradients and method of surface water disposal have been approved by the Local Planning Authority and no building shall be occupied until the section of road which provides access has been constructed (apart from final surfacing) in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed roadworks are constructed to an adequate standard, in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

9 Any gates provided shall open away from the highway and be set back a distance of at least 8.0 metres from the nearside edge of the carriageway of the adjoining highway.

Reason: To enable vehicles to draw off the highway before the gates are opened. In accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

Before the premises are occupied all on site vehicular areas shall be surfaced in a manner to the Local Planning Authority's approval so as to ensure satisfactory parking of vehicles outside highway limits. Arrangements shall be made for surface water from the site to be intercepted and disposed of separately so that it does not discharge into the highway.

Reason: In order to minimise danger, obstruction, and inconvenience to users of the highway and of the premises.

The development shall not be brought into use until a turning space for refuse vehicles has been constructed within the curtilage of the site in a manner to be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To enable vehicles to draw off, park and turn outside of the highway limits thereby avoiding the reversing of vehicles on to the highway, in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

No development shall commence until a wheel cleaning facility has been provided at all site exits in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The wheel cleaner(s) shall be removed from the site once the roadworks necessary to provide adequate access from the public highway have been completed (apart from final surfacing) to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity and to prevent the deposit of mud or other extraneous material on the highway during the construction period, in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

Development shall not commence until a scheme detailing access provision to and from the site for construction traffic, which details shall show what arrangements will be made for restricting such vehicles to approved points of access and egress has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be operated throughout the period of construction work.

Reason: To ensure the safe operation of the surrounding road network in the interests of road safety in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

Development shall not commence until a scheme detailing provision for on site parking for construction workers for the duration of the construction period has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented throughout the construction period. (HC 38)

Reason: To ensure adequate off street parking during construction in the interests of road safety in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy.

15 Prior to the development hereby approved commencing on site details of the final ground and slab levels of the dwellings hereby approved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the site shall be developed in full accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that a satisfactory relationship results between the new development and adjacent buildings and public areas.

The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the submitted plans, numbers 11/51/2, 262/18A, 262/19C, 262/20, 262/21.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

### **Reasons for Granting**

In conclusion, the principle of redevelopment and the provision of four flats and seven houses served by the access shown would not harm highway safety, the appearance of the area or have any adverse impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties or any other material considerations. As such the proposal is in conformity with Policies CS1, CS2, DM3 and DM4 of the Central Bedfordshire Adopted Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009; Planning Policy Statement 1 (2005) and Planning Policy Statement 3 (2010); Design in Central Bedfordshire: A Guide for Development - Design Supplement 1: New Residential Development (2009) and Central Bedfordshire Council's Adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance: Planning Obligations Strategy (2008). The proposal is therefore acceptable and that planning permission should be granted subject to conditions.

## **Notes to Applicant**

- 1. The applicant is advised that no works associated with the construction of the improvement to the vehicular access should be carried out within the confines of the public highway without prior consent, in writing, of the Central Bedfordshire Council. Upon receipt of this Notice of Planning Approval, the applicant is advised to write to Central Bedfordshire Council's Highway Help Desk, Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD quoting the Planning Application number and supplying a copy of the Decision Notice and a copy of the approved plan. This will enable the necessary consent and procedures under Section 184 of the Highways Act to be implemented. The applicant is also advised that if any of the works associated with the construction of the vehicular access affects or requires the removal and/or the relocation of any equipment, apparatus or structures (e.g. street name plates, bus stop signs or shelters, statutory authority equipment etc.) then the applicant will be required to bear the cost of such removal or alteration.
- The applicant is advised that the requirements of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 will apply to any works undertaken within the limits of the existing public highway. Further details can be obtained from the Traffic Management Group Highways and Transport Division, Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD.
- 3. The applicant is advised that photographs of the existing highway that is to be used for access and delivery of materials will be required by the Local Highway Authority. Any subsequent damage to the public highway resulting from the works as shown by the photographs, including damage caused by delivery vehicles to the works, will be made good to the satisfaction of the Local Highway Authority and at the expense of the applicant. Attention is drawn to Section 59 of the Highways Act 1980 in this respect.
- 4. The applicant is advised that Central Bedfordshire Council as highway authority will not consider the proposed on-site vehicular areas for adoption as highway maintainable at public expense.
- 5. The applicant is advised that all cycle parking to be provided within the site shall be designed in accordance with the Central Bedfordshire Council's "Cycle Parking Guidance July 2010".
- 6. Land drainage shall be installed where necessary to ensure continuity of existing land drainage.
- 7. In conjunction with Condition 15 the applicant is advised of the comments by Bedfordshire and River Ivel IDB which in the interests of flood risk mitigation recommend that the ground site levels of the residential development be a minimum of 37.83 AOD on the south side of the site reducing to 37.70 AOD on the north side of the site.

## **NOTES**

- (1) In advance of the consideration of the application the Committee were advised of additional comments received from Central Bedfordshire Ecologist.
- (2) In advance of the consideration of the application the Committee received representations made under the Public Participation Scheme.