Item No. 15

APPLICATION NUMBER CB/12/04272/FULL

LOCATION 32 Astwick Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4AT

PROPOSAL Erection of 3 dwellings

PARISH Stotfold

WARD Stotfold & Langford

WARD COUNCILLORS Clirs Clarke, Saunders & Saunders

CASE OFFICER Mark Spragg

DATE REGISTERED 04 December 2012
EXPIRY DATE 29 January 2013
APPLICANT Mr T Saunders
AGENT Levitt Partnership

REASON FOR The applicant is the brother of Councillor John

COMMITTEE TO Saunders

DETERMINE

RECOMMENDED

DECISION Full Application - Granted

Recommendation

That Planning Permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

1 The development shall begin not later than three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Prior to the development hereby approved commencing on site, 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 the commencement of any phase of development approved by this planning permission the developer shall submit to the Planning Authority for written agreement:
 - a) A Phase 2 Site Investigation report further documenting the ground conditions of the site with regard to potential contamination, incorporating appropriate sampling, as shown to be necessary by the

Phase 1 Desk Study by Applied Geology of June 2012 already submitted.

b) Where shown necessary by this Phase 2 investigation, a Phase 3 detailed scheme for remedial works and measures to be taken to mitigate any risks to human health, groundwater and the wider environment.

Reason: To protect human health and the environment

On completion of the development, the developer shall provide written confirmation that any and all works have been completed in accordance with the agreed remediation scheme in the form of a Phase 4 validation report to incorporate photographs, material transport tickets and validation sampling. Any remediation scheme and any variations shall be agreed in writing by the local planning authority prior to the commencement of works. This should include responses to any unexpected contamination discovered during works.

Reason: To protect human health and the environment

Prior to the development hereby approved commencing on site, a landscaping scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented by the end of the full planting season immediately following the completion and/or first use of any separate part of the development (a full planting season means the period from October to March). The trees, shrubs and grass shall subsequently be maintained for a period of five years from the date of planting and any which die or are destroyed during this period shall be replaced during the next planting season and maintained until satisfactorily established.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory standard of landscaping.

Prior to the development hereby approved commencing on site, including any ground clearance or excavation, substantial protective fencing, the details of which shall first be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, shall be erected and the fencing shall be retained at full height and extent until the development is substantially completed. No materials shall be stored or deposited and no mixing of materials shall take place within the area so protected.

Reason: To protect the trees so enclosed in accordance with Section 8 of BS 5837 of 2005 or as may be subsequently amended.

7 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.

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

Notwithstanding any provision of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no works shall be commenced for the extension of the buildings hereby approved nor any material alteration of their external appearance until detailed plans and elevations have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the amenities of occupiers of neighbouring properties.

9 The first floor bathroom window in the rear elevation of plot 1 shall be – - obscure-glazed, and - non-opening unless the parts of the window which can be opened are more than 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of occupiers of no. 16 Ivel Way.

Development shall not begin until details of the junction of the widened vehicular access with the highway have been approved by the Local Planning Authority and no dwelling shall be occupied until the junction has been constructed in accordance with the approved details.

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

Before the modified access is first brought into use, a triangular vision splay shall be provided on each side of the new access drive and shall be 2.8m measured along the back edge of the highway from the centre line of the anticipated vehicle path to a point 2.0m measured from the back edge of the footway into the site along the centre line of the anticipated vehicle path. The vision splay so described and on land under the applicant's control shall be maintained free of any obstruction to visibility exceeding a height of 600mm above the adjoining footway level.

Reason: To provide adequate visibility between the existing highway and the modified access and to make the access safe and convenient for the traffic that is likely to use it.

The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the submitted plans, numbers [4A, 5].

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

Statement required by the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012 - Article 31

Planning permission has been granted for this proposal. The Council acted pro-actively through positive engagement with the applicant during the determination process which led to improvements to the scheme. The Council has therefore acted pro-actively to secure a sustainable form of development in line with the requirements of the Framework (paragraphs 186 and 187) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012.

Reasons for Granting

The proposed development would not result in any significant harm to the character and appearance of the area or the residential amenity of any neighbouring properties and is acceptable in terms of highway safety. The proposal therefore complies with the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) and Policies CS1, CS2, CS14, DM3, DM4, and DM15 of Central Bedfordshire Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Document (2009). It also complies with the objectives of the Central Bedfordshire Council's Technical Guidance: Design in Central Bedfordshire (2010).

Notes to Applicant

- 1. The British Standard for Topsoil, BS 3882:2007, specifies requirements for topsoils that are moved or traded and should be adhered to.
 - Applicants are reminded that, should groundwater or surface water courses be at risk of contamination during or after development, the Environment Agency at Brampton should be approached for approval of measures to protect water resources separately, unless an Agency condition already forms part of this permission.
- 2. The Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board advise that it is essential that ground conditions be investigated and if found satisfactory, the soakaways constructed in accordance with the latest Building Research Establishment Digest.
 - In the event that ground conditions are found not to be suitable for soakaway drainage, any direct discharge to the nearby watercourse will require the Board's prior consent. Please contact the Internal Drainage Board at Cambridge House, Cambridge Road, Bedford, MK42 0LH Telephone (01234 354396) E-mail contact@idbs.org.uk
- 3. Should any roosting bats be found during the demolition of the buildings on site then all works should cease and advice be sought from Natural England.

NOTE

In advance of the consideration of the application the Committee received representations made under the Public Participation Scheme.