

Item No. 7

APPLICATION NUMBER	CB/14/01589/FULL
LOCATION	The Pig And Whistle, 40 Brook Street, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4LA
PROPOSAL	Demolition of existing PH and redevelopment of the site as 7 No. houses with associated landscaping and parking.
PARISH	Stotfold
WARD	Stotfold & Langford
WARD COUNCILLORS	Cllrs Clarke, Saunders & Saunders
CASE OFFICER	Amy Lack
DATE REGISTERED	07 May 2014
EXPIRY DATE	02 July 2014
APPLICANT	Mr O'Sullivan
AGENT	arc7
REASON FOR COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE	Cllr Brian Saunders - Called in at the request of Stotfold Town Council who consider the proposal to represent an overdevelopment of the site and the design of the dwellings fails to reflect the style and design of existing dwellings in the immediate locality.
RECOMMENDED DECISION	Full Application - Approval

Recommendation

That Planning Permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS / REASONS

- 1 The development hereby permitted 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.
- 2 **No development shall commence until such time as details of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.**

Reason: To control the appearance of the building in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).
- 3 Prior to the first occupation of any of the dwellings hereby approved the modified junction of the proposed vehicular access with the highway shall be fully constructed in accordance with the approved details. Thereafter it shall be retained and maintained as first constructed in perpetuity.

Reason: In order to minimise danger, obstruction and inconvenience to users of the highway and the premises (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 4 Prior to the first use of the access hereby approved 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 metres measured from the back edge of the highway 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 proposed accesses, and to make the accesses safe and convenient for the traffic which is likely to use them (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 5 Prior to the first occupation of the residential development hereby approved the proposed vehicular access shall be surfaced in bituminous or other similar durable material and 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 highway safety (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 6 Prior to the first use of the modified access hereby approved, any existing access within the frontage of the land to be developed (to the frontage of plot 6 and plot 7), not incorporated in the access hereby approved shall be closed in a manner to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of road safety and to reduce the number of points at which traffic will enter and leave the public highway (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 7 Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved full details of the demarcation/signage for the two visitor parking spaces shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Thereafter the agreed signage shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved and shall remain as agreed thereafter.

Reason: To provide adequate visitor parking provision (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 8 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995, or any amendments thereto, the car port accommodation on the site shall not be used for any purpose, other than as car port accommodation, unless permission has been granted by the

Local Planning Authority on an application made for that purpose.

Reason: To retain off-street parking provision and thereby minimise the potential for on-street parking which could adversely affect the convenience of road users (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 9 The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in all respects in accordance with the access siting and layout, turning area, width of the public footpath and its location/layout, vehicle parking provision and bay dimensions illustrated on the approved drawing no. 825.001P Revision E and defined by this permission and, notwithstanding the provision of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995, (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order) there shall be no variation without the prior approval in writing of the local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development of the site is completed insofar as its various parts are interrelated and dependent one upon another and to provide adequate and appropriate access arrangements at all times (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 10 **No development shall commence until such time as full details of a refuse collection point located outside of the public highway has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the agreed scheme shall be fully implemented prior to occupation of any dwellings hereby approved and shall be retained thereafter.**

Reason: In the interest of amenity and in order to minimise danger, obstruction and inconvenience to users of the highway and the premises (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 11 Prior to the first occupation of the residential units hereby approved full details of the design of the structures proposed for the secure and covered cycle storage and storage of refuse and recycling bins shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Thereafter the approved storage provision shall be fully implemented prior to the first occupation of the residential units hereby approved and thereafter retained for this purpose.

Reason: To ensure the provision of adequate cycle parking and refuse/recycling storage to meet the needs of occupiers of the proposed development in the interests of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport and that it is in keeping and character with the surrounding area in respect to its design and appearance (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 12 **No development shall commence until such time as full details of the final ground and slab levels of the dwelling hereby approved has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such details shall include sections through both the site and the adjoining properties, the location of which shall first be agreed in writing with 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 (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

13 No development shall commence until such time as full details of both hard and soft landscaping have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These details shall include:-

- proposed finished levels or contours;**
- materials to be used for any hard surfacing;**
- minor structures (e.g. furniture, play equipment);**
- proposed and existing functional services above and below ground level;**
- planting plans, including schedule of size, species, positions, density and times of planting;**
- cultivation details including operations required to establish new planting;**

Thereafter the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In order to ensure that the landscaping is carried out within a reasonable period in the interest of the visual amenities of the area (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

14 All hard and soft landscape works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details, and to a reasonable standard in accordance with the relevant recommendation of the appropriate British Standard or other recognised code of good practice. The works shall be carried out prior to the occupation of any part of the development or in accordance with the programme agreed by the local planning authority in writing. The maintenance shall be carried out in accordance with the approved schedule. Any trees or plants that are part of the approved landscaping works, within a period of five years after planting, are removed, die or become in the opinion of the local planning authority, seriously damaged or defective, shall be replaced as soon as is reasonably practicable with others of species, size and number as originally approved, unless the local planning authority gives its written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure provision, establishment and maintenance of a reasonable standard of landscaping in accordance with the approved design (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

15 No development shall take place until a written scheme of archaeological investigation that adopts a staged approach and includes post excavation analysis and publication has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the development hereby approved shall only be implemented in full

accordance with the approved archaeological scheme.

Reason: To record and advance understanding of the heritage assets with archaeological interest which will be unavoidably affected as a consequence of the development and to secure that protection and management of archaeological remains preserved in situ within the development (policy CS15 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 16 The window openings at first and second floor level on the north facing flank wall of Plot 5 hereby approved shall be first installed with obscure glazing only, and any opening shall be at least 1.7 metres above the internal finished floor level or the windows shall be fixed shut. Thereafter these windows shall remain as first installed in perpetuity.

Reason: To protect the amenities of neighbouring occupiers (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 17 The window opening at first floor level on the east facing flank wall of Plot 7 hereby approved shall be first installed with obscure glazing only, and any opening shall be at least 1.7 metres above the internal finished floor level or the windows shall be fixed shut. Thereafter this window shall remain as first installed in perpetuity.

Reason: To protect the amenities of neighbouring occupiers (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 18 For the entire duration of the demolition and construction phases of the development hereby approved the length of the perimeter with Pix Brook shall be fenced to prevent an accidental loss of polluting material over the bank.

Reason: To protect the water course from pollutants (Policy DM3 of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2009).

- 19 The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the submitted plans, numbers: CBC/001; 825.001P/E; 825.002P/D; 825.103P; 825.104P; 825.105P; 825.106P/A; 825.107P; 825.108P; 825.200P; 825.201P; 825.202P; 825.203P; 825.204P/A

Reason: To identify the approved plan/s and to avoid doubt.

Notes to Applicant

1. Please note that the unnumbered drawing submitted in connection with this application has been given a unique number by the Local Planning Authority. The number can be sourced by examining the plans on the 'View a Planning Application' pages of the Council's website www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

2. The applicant is advised that the watercourse on the boundary of/passing through this site is under the statutory control of the Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board. In accordance with the Board's byelaws, no development shall take place within 7 metres of bank top, without the Board's prior consent. This includes any planting, fencing or other landscaping.
3. This permission relates only to that required under the Town & Country Planning Acts and does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment or under the Building Regulations. Any other consent or approval which is necessary must be obtained from the appropriate authority.
4. The applicant is advised that if during any site investigation, excavation, engineering or construction works evidence of land contamination is identified, they should notify the Local Planning Authority without delay. Any land contamination identified shall be remediated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority to ensure that the site is made suitable for its end use. Further information can be obtained from Andre Douglas on Tel. 0300 300 4404.
5. The applicant is advised that all bat roosts are protected by law whether they are in occupation or not. If bat roosts are found in the building before or during demolition, work must stop immediately and contractors should contact a licensed bat ecologist. If bats are found, then all works must stop and contact with the local Natural England office will be made. No works likely to affect bats should continue until Natural England have been consulted and it may then be necessary to obtain a European Protected Species (EPS) Licence.
6. The applicant is advised that no works associated with the construction of the modified 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 contact Central Bedfordshire Council's Highway Help Desk, Tel: 0300 300 8049 quoting the Planning Application number. 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 modified 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.
7. 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, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ

8. 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.
9. The applicant is advised that if it is their intention to request Central Bedfordshire Council as Local Highway Authority, to adopt the proposed highways as maintainable at the public expense then details of the specification, layout and alignment, width and levels of the said highways together with all the necessary highway and drainage arrangements, including run off calculations shall be submitted to the Development Control Group, Development Management Division, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ . No development shall commence until the details have been approved in writing and an Agreement made under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980 is in place.
10. 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 Annexes – July 2010".
11. The applicant is advised that no construction or demolition activities which are audible at the site boundary shall be carried out outside the hours of 0800 to 1800 Monday to Friday, 0800 to 1300 Saturdays and at no time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays. For further information contact Pollution@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.
12. The applicant is advised that the proposed works will be in close proximity to nearby residential properties. As such, due consideration should be given to the potential impact that the demolition and construction phases of the development may have upon the structural stability and integrity of nearby buildings. Accordingly impact piling should be avoided. If however this method is to be adopted the applicant is advised to first seek the advice of Building Control on telephone number 0300 300 8635 or via email address building.control@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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

It is recommended that planning permission be 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.

NOTES

- (1) In advance of the consideration of the application the Committee were advised of an additional informative to be included, above at 12.
- (2) In advance of the consideration of the application the Committee received representations made under the Public Participation Scheme.