

Planning report for September 3rd 2012.(from week ending 3 Aug. to week ending 24 Aug)

Appeals: Although only two fresh ones has been notified to me since our last meeting, 2 others are due to be heard shortly.

(APP/C3620/A/12/2173496/NWF - MO/2011/1617) Of these, the first is on Thursday, 6 September and relates to a pair of tall semis being crammed into a small site behind 1, 2 and 3 Farm Cottages on Randalls Road. The neighbours fear an excessive loss of privacy and about 20 have written to voice their fears. I wrote for the LRA and would have liked to attend the site meeting which is at 11.30. If any one else could attend, I and the other residents would be most grateful.

(APP /C3620/A/12/2168229/NWF - MO/2011/0690/PLA) The second is on Friday, 7th September at 10.00 in Pippbrook. It relates to the application for a single caravan gypsy site adjacent to 141 Kingston Road. To me, this seems quite unreal but the chap seems persuaded of his right to stay there with no water or electricity supply no rubbish collection. Naturally some of the neighbours have objected. If anyone could go, I could give them my letter which could then be handed to the Inspector.

The other two Appeals are just notifications at the moment. (APP/C3620/H/11/2181594 and MO/2012/0786). Although refused planning permission, Prezzos is determined to keep its new name plates, illuminated projecting sign and illuminated menu board. I don't think it looks too bad and unless we get requests from the people in Montague house, I think we should just let it take its course.

(APP/C3620/A/12/2180332/NWF and MO/2012/0732). The last Appeal is about the land next to a house called Crestawood on the Reigate Road. At first it looked like an application for proper entrances or crossovers for two agreed houses on the road, but it turns out to be the thin edge of the wedge and an application for the houses was obviously planned for later. The main objection is that this development is in the Green Belt which does not start on the south side of the A24 but, in fact, high up on the bank to the north of the A24. Apart from that, it does indeed look like an obvious little spot for a couple of houses or even more! Perhaps the LRA would like me to wait and see if many Letters of Representation appear before writing.

Decisions:1. (0766) a two storey front extension in Levett Road (0339) St. John's can have the 3 enclosed, synthetic pitches plus a replacement games store, bigger car park and widened access. They have also agreed to limit the hours of use on the pitches so as not to disturb the neighbours. (0850), 36 St. Mary's Road now has permission to extend on each side.

Running list: A number of single storey rear extensions and tree prunings.

(1076) 11-15 North Street would like two of the agreed 1 bedroom flats to be 2 bedroom ones.

(1079) 62 Kingscroft Rd. would like a 2 storey side extension, single one at rear and creation of a habitable loft.

(1110) Ashcombe House, The Crescent want solar panels on the front, S.E. elevation.

(1119) 5 Bridge Street want to convert office space to 4 x 1 bedroom flats, incorporating a 2 storey side extension and first and second storey balconies.

(1129) Springfield, Yarm Way. The owner would like to build a new house on half of the garden. The plot size would be around 50' wide x 178'. Interestingly, this would be almost but not exactly behind the houses being sought by the owners of the land next to Crestawood.

Finally, a Mrs. Leyshon of St. Johns Ave. has written asking for help in getting something done about a large house in her road, utterly neglected and being vandalized. Councillors have been contacted.