

## **Planning Report for the meeting 7 December 2015**

### **Letters Written**

15/1601 I have written objecting to the proposals for the large site on Randalls Road/ Cleeve Road as agreed at the November meeting. I considered the change from the approved permission for 70 homes to 85 dwellings plus a care home was overdevelopment of the site, and the large blocks were out of keeping for the area and were very visible from the green belt. I also raised the issue of parking provision and the increase in traffic on the already very congested roads.

### **Decisions**

15/1325 Lidl, North Street has been refused permission to increase their opening hours to 10 pm

15/1555 26 High Street (Salvation Army) Changes to the shop front to bring the doors forward in line with the windows has been approved.

### **Highlands Road**

The applications for the three crossovers (detailed below) on Highlands Road all require some of the hedge by the road to be removed. SCC highways have objected on the grounds of safety. This side of Highlands Road was included in the conservation area in 2012 and the hedge is specifically mentioned as a feature of the road so the historic environmental officer has also objected to any removal of the hedge.

15/1633 38 Highlands Road (Conservation area). Formation of a new vehicular access and car parking to front/side of house.

15/1634 40 Highlands Road (Conservation area) Formation of a new vehicular access and hardstanding.

15/1659 44 Highlands Rd (Conservation area) Formation of a new vehicular access. A previous application in 2014 was objected to by the historic environmental officer and by highways so was refused. The same objections have been made about this application, so it has been refused again.

### **Applications**

15/1656 20 Gravel Hill rear and lower ground floor extension.

15/1735 Rear of Prime House, Challenge Court. Erect one building for 12 apartments on the existing car park to the rear of Prime House. Parking will be created on the lower ground floor

15/1799 20 Linden Road. Erection of 3 No. terraced houses to include parking for 4 No. cars, following demolition of the existing dwelling. This house is quite prominent in the street scene, and the side facing the road is clapboarded. There are very few houses in this local style left, but this house is not listed, or in the conservation area. The historic environmental officer has evaluated the house but too many of the original features have been destroyed so it is not suitable for listing.