

Planning Report for meeting June 11 2012-06-05

There are 3 appeals against refusal of planning permission:

(MV ref: 2012/026/ENF) There is going to be a local public enquiry on the 12 June about the gypsies at River Lane not complying with the enforcement order. The LRA has not become involved in this application.

(MO/2011/1617) There is to be an appeal to be allowed to build a pair of semi-detached houses behind 1, 2, and 3 Farm Cottages, Randalls Road. In 2010 there was an appeal over a refusal to allow two detached houses. Problems of privacy for the surrounding neighbours, cramped site and dwellings per hectare all prompted the LRA to join with neighbours to oppose the development.

(MO/2011/0690) Change of use of land adjacent to 141 Kingston Road to a private gypsy and traveller caravan site. The consultation period ends 5/6/2012, and then there will be a local public hearing. It is not known who owns this land, but the applicant has been using it since the end of 2008. It was refused permission as inappropriate development and detracts from the character of the street scene.

Decisions

(MO/2011/1451) Permission has been granted to convert Cherkley Court House into a hotel and spa. The LRA sent a letter of objection, and Caroline Brown also gave a presentation at the planning meeting at Pipbrook House. The application for the creation of a golf course was also passed, but this has not been put on the website since, because the application is in conflict with the local plan it has been sent to the National Planning Casework Unit.

(MO/2012/1457) Permission has been given for a single bungalow and garage to be built the rear of 59 Highlands Road. An application for 2 houses on this site was refused in 2011.

Applications:

MO/2012/0582) Cobham Tech services, Cleeve Road wish to erect a polytunnel and roadway on land close to the flats on Park View Road.

(MO/2012/0156) Replace the bungalow 'Sheraya' on Yarm Way with 2 chalet bungalows. There is room for two dwellings on the very large plot, but the style is very contemporary, and very different to the other properties in the road. However, the neighbours seem to be happy with the plans.

(MO/2012/0626) 34 North Street (where Adecco used to be) want to build a 1st floor extension and change the use of the rear and upper floor from retail/commercial to residential use to create three single bed flats. They have also requested permission for 2 car parking spaces. The side elevation which can be seen from Leret Way would be changed from a flat roof to a higher pitched roof. The existing rear of the building is a jumble of flat roofs which would be replaced with a single, higher pitched roof. This extension has the potential to improve the look of the building.

(MO/2012/0658) The BP service station on Kingston Road wish to change the opening hours from 7am – 11pm to 6am – midnight. In 2000 an application was refused to change the hours to 6am-11pm. Since then the site has changed ownership and been redeveloped so that the entrance on Park Rise was closed. 15 Park Rise is slightly higher and is 17m away. Opposite there are flats 20m away.