

Planning Report for the meeting Mon May 8 2017

Applications and decisions up to 28 April 2017

Correspondance

4 members contacted me about the revised plans for two houses to be built at Cherfold, Yarm Way,

1 member contacted me about the application for a new block of flats on North Street behind Grantham House

Wildlife Aid invited us to a second consultation about their proposals for their new centre prior to submitting their planning application. Five members of the LRA attended, and representatives from CPRE and Leatherhead and District Countryside Protection society were also at the meeting. (The report about the first consultation is in the planning report for the meeting Feb 2017)

Decisions

17/0586 Connaught House, 36 Bridge Street. A second application to build a third storey to create an additional flat has been refused.

16/1825 Craythorne, Clinton Road. The modified plans to replace the existing bungalow with a 5 bed house have been approved. The LRA objected to this application, and the modified plans did move the house further from the boundary with Troy House.

Applications

17/0169 Cherfold, Yarm Way. Replace existing bungalow with 2 detached dwellings. We wrote objecting to the size of these houses and the visibility of them from the Green Belt. Modifications have now been made, changing the roof design and setting them lower. Changes were also made to move the building further from a large tree. We wrote again, as the houses are still too large and visible from the Green Belt area of great landscape value.

17/0184 Rear Grantham House 11-15 North St. Erection of a four storey building with basement parking, comprising 7 flats, with associated landscaping. We have written objecting to this large block which will be visible from many parts of the town.

17/0250 Stocks House, 9 North Street. Erect a 5 storey extension at the rear and an extension to the existing roof to provide 5 new flats. We wrote objecting to this very high extension, which will be visible from many parts of the town and this application with the adjacent Grantham House proposals would create a small area of tall buildings which is out of keeping with the town.

17/0555 Wildlife Aid. Land on the west side of Woodlands Road between the River Mole and the M25. Erect two storey hospital and veterinary centre with associated pens, aviaries and 36 parking spaces; erect single storey education centre and a further 36 parking spaces; erect associated single storey caretaker accommodation, store and workshop; carry out associated landscaping improvements including creation of ponds/wetland, footpaths and outdoor teaching/viewing platforms. We consider that this charity does have a special need to be sited away from the urban environment, so we will not oppose this application in principal. The wetland area, which can be visited by schools, will also contribute to the flood

prevention measures. However, the submitted plans include a large hospital building for use by a commercial Veterinary practice as well as the charity, and the education building is very large, with double height windows on one side. We feel these buildings could be much smaller and more rural in design, so they will not contribute to the creeping urbanisation of the Randalls Road/ Woodland Road area of the Green Belt.

17/0394 Fairfield Works Upper Fairfield Road. Conversion of offices to residential with two storey extensions to front and rear and creation of a second storey to provide 10 flats with parking. I propose to write objecting to any increase in height and size of this building as it is very visible above Leret Way, and the proposed design is not sympathetic to the adjacent conservation area.

17/0586 Leatherhead Bowling Club, Fortyfoot Road Erection of replacement pavilion with roof mounted photovoltaic panels.

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