NORTHERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

19 November 2014

This is information that has been received since the committee report was written. This could include additional comments or representation, new information relating to the site, changes to plans etc.

Item 6a - 14/08721/FUL 13 Bowden Hill, Lacock

This application has been withdrawn.

Item 6b - 14/08312/VAR and 14/08313/VAR Wiltshire Golf & Country Club, Vastern, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7PB

This application has been withdrawn.

Item 6c - 14/06399/OUT 47 Hill Corner Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1DP.

Late Representation received 18/11/2014 from Mr Neil and Mrs Christina Murphy:

My wife and I are currently abroad but returning to our property (6 The Orchids) in the near future. We are therefore currently unable to attend the committee meeting but would very much like to make our objections to the proposed development known to the committee. I do hope that our not being able to attend the meeting will not adversely affect the outcome as, had we been resident within the UK at this particular time, we would most certainly have made sure we attended.

Our primary objection to the development is the loss of privacy that our property would suffer. It's not overly obvious from looking at plans but the land that our house is built upon slopes very rapidly down to the land owned currently by Diana Scott at 47 Hill Corner Road. Therefore, any property built adjacent to ours would be impossible to screen sufficiently to safeguard our privacy. Certainly, looking at the plans, the excessive number of houses suggested for this small plot would mean that there would be no scope for any form of sensible screening and the proximity of the proposed houses is, quite frankly, unacceptable.

In addition to the obvious lack of privacy we would suffer there are also elements associated with the over development of this plot of land including environmental issues (drainage for example), noise pollution from the large increase of inhabitants within such a small area, light pollution and so on.

It is my understanding that there is a substantial development of some 750 houses being proposed for the land opposite Hill Corner Road. I am assuming that any development proposed in the surrounding area would have to take that development into account also? Were the 750 homes to be given the go-ahead then I assume there could be no reason for the Council to look favourably upon an application intent on cramming so many houses onto such a small area of land and in a location that is poorly suited to such a development in the first place.

Officer Comments:

The above comments are noted and the material considerations have been considered within the case officer's report. The comments received do not alter the officer recommendation or the reasons for refusal.