

**NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2004  
SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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**1. S/2004/129 - REPLACEMENT GARDEN STORE AND GARDEN SUNDRY EQUIPMENT AND PARAPHERNALIA AT AMESBURY ABBEY NURSING HOME, AMESBURY**

**English nature** – Site is adjacent to the River Avon a part of the River Avon System Site of Special Scientific Interest and candidate Special Area of Conservation. This site has protection under national and international legislation. Any development adjacent to the river carries the risk of damage to the river ecosystem through habitat loss and pollution, both during and after construction.

English nature is of the opinion that the development need not cause significant damage to the nature conservation interests of the SSSI provided that the applicant can demonstrate that appropriate measures will be taken to ensure the river system is protected from any pollution or other disturbance.

We recommend that the applicant is asked to produce a method statement detailing the potential risks and how these will be addressed.

**The Garden History Society** – It is evident from the submitted plans that the proposed new garden store is a rather mundane building and is a substantial new development within an historic landscape of national importance. We agree with the comment of the Wiltshire Gardens Trust that the proposed garden store would be far less conspicuous if it were sited next to the block of garages amid the housing in the east part of the park. We would suggest that the proposed planting of a 2.4m laurel hedge around the proposed garden store would be completely out of character and displays a lack of understanding of the historic landscape.

We have seen no justification in respect of the historic landscape for such proposals, nor are we clear over the type and extent of additional subsidiary development, which may be generated. We would advise that in view of the importance of the site, the applicant should consider commissioning a thorough and complete assessment of the historic landscape. The society considers that the potential for damage to the fabric of the historic landscape and its character and appearance seems high and in the absence of proper context, we feel we have no alternative but to advise your council to refuse consent for this application.

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**2. S/2004/1513 - CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL SHOP TO CHINESE TAKEAWAY / RESTAURANT AT LINLEY, HIGH STREET, PORTON.**

SDC Environmental Health

Object to the proposals on the grounds that there is no indication of how the kitchen is to be ventilated. In view of the close proximity of surrounding residential property this will have to be designed with great care to ensure nuisance is not caused by either cooking odours or noise from associated plant. Noise associated with vehicle movement, car doors slamming and general noise generated by the comings and goings of customers could give rise to a considerable noise nuisance to the surrounding residential properties, especially at antisocial hours. I am dubious that this can be resolved by condition, given the nature of the business and its likely desired opening hours.

Idmiston Parish Council

Consider that the officers report is somewhat lacking and one sided. It does not spell out the previous use of the site. Until 16 weeks ago this had been a busy newsagents for some 30 years with cars and banging doors at the unsociable hour of 6am onwards, 7 days per week. And it opened for many years until 8pm and 9pm in the evening. As a retail shop it could be open till at least 10pm or even 11pm without any planning permission being necessary. So what is the difference?

Two further letters of objection expressing concern that there are already sufficient numbers of take-away restaurants in Salisbury and Amesbury all of whom will deliver meals if requested. The lack of parking spaces around the proposed take-away will lead to more parking in Winterslow road. This is especially dangerous on the corner outside the Village Store and Post Office. The cooking smells in such close proximity to Doctors surgery is undesirable. The increase in traffic noise late at night will be unacceptable for the local residents. Take away restaurants represent a fire hazard and this would be in close proximity to several thatched cottages. Query over how often rubbish will be collected. There will be an increased risk of vermin attraction within the immediate vicinity and litter. This may result in drinking and eating in the immediate area. There are narrow roads and a T-junction within the vicinity; the Byford development will produce additional traffic movement. There is the potential for problems with parking on Porton Post office and Doctors surgery forecourts. This is likely to result in additional traffic. Porton does not have late night uses in the same way Amesbury and Salisbury do. Porton is reasonably quiet. If the application is approved it is likely an application would be made for an off licence with subsequent implications.

One further letter of support – Both my husband and I think it a very good idea and would be an asset to Porton and near by villages.

**3. S/2004/1509 - DEVELOP A 15 METRE GROUND BASED TIMBER MONO POLE ACCOMODATING THE PROPOSED ANTENNA TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT COMPOUND AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT DURRINGTON WALLS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, STONEHENGE ROAD, DURRINGTON WALLS.**

One further letter of objection – It has been brought to my attention that it is intended to build a Tetra mast in our near vicinity, at the local telephone exchange. These masts have had some alarming publicity and while our residence may be outside any danger zone, I object to it being erected so close to any habitation. In this low-density habitation area there must be more suitable sites albeit less financially attractive sites.

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