Agenda Item No. 7

West Wiltshire District Council Planning Committee 21 August 2008

PLANNING APPEALS UPDATE REPORT 11 July 2008 to 1 August 2008

New appeals received

Ref. no.	Site	Town/ Parish	Description	Del or Com	Officer recom	Appeal type
08/01514/FUL	1 Bradford Road Trowbridge	Trowbridge	Conversion of dwelling into 7 residential units	DEL	REF	WR
08/00927/OUT	Land Adjacent 179 Masefield Road Warminster	Warminster	Proposed two bedroom bungalow	DEL	REF	WR
08/00076/USE_M	Land Adjacent Hisomley Farmhouse Hisomley Dilton Marsh	Dilton Marsh	Alteration to access and site works		CEMENT PEAL	WR

Appeal Decisions Received

Ref. No.	Site	Town/	Description	Del or	Officer	Appeal	Appeal
		Parish		com	recom	type	Decisn
07/02295/FUL	Land Adjoining 75 Hindon Road Monkton Deverill	Kingston Deverill	Conversion of garage to granny annexe	DEL	REF	WR	DISMISSED
07/03900/FUL	Land Rear Of 2 To 22 Lowbourne Melksham	Melksham	Erection of 4 x 2 bed flats	DEL	REF	WR	ALLOWED

* additional notes on decision below

• I = Inquiry H = Hearing WR = Written Representations

• Del = Delegated decision Comm = Committee decision

Points of interest arising from decisions

07/02295/FUL - Conversion of garage to granny annexe - Land Adjoining 75 Hindon Road Monkton Deverill.

The inspector considered that the key issue in this appeal was whether the conversion would conserve the natural beauty of the landscape and the countryside. He took the view that the personal circumstances of the appellant were insufficient to outweigh national and local policy in this countryside location. The proposals were for a granny annexe, which could have been restricted by condition or legal agreement. However, in the long term it would be difficult to resist its future occupation as a separate dwelling which would be intrusive and unsustainable in this location. Furthermore, an intensification of the existing vehicle access which suffers from restricted visibility would have been undesirable.

07/03900/FUL - Erection of 4 x 2 bed flats - Land Rear Of 2 To 22 Lowbourne Melksham

The inspector considered that the key issues in this appeal were whether the flats would preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area. He took the view that there was a wide variety of different buildings in the conservation area, including a recently constructed block of similar flats nearby and as a result its character was varied. He felt that the proposals would complement the design of the existing flats and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area. There were no shortcomings relating to privacy, car parking or road safety and this was a sustainable, high density in-town site. Furthermore, he concluded that the materials would blend with nearby development and that as it was not a prominent location the use of traditional materials was not essential.

Note

If Members of the Council wish to read any of the Planning Inspectors decision letters, please contact the Planning Office for a copy.

Forthcoming hearing or Inquiries

Ref. no.	Site	Town/ Parish	Description	Appeal type	Venue	Date
07/03556/FUL	8 Quinton Place Codford	Codford	Demolish conservatory and build new garden room	HRG	CR1	27.08.08
07/03555/FUL	Land Rear Of 8 Quinton Place Codford	Codford	Extension to residential curtilage (retrospective)	HRG	CR1	27.08.08
07/02566/FUL	Rear Of 2 Spa Road Melksham	Melksham	Conversion of former commercial premises to two dwellings with car parking space	HRG	CR1	09.09.08
E07/00327/USE	Land at junction of A361 and A350, Semington	Semington	Appeal against enforcement notice re unauthorised gypsy encampment	HRG	CC	23.09.08
07/02421/EUD	Land at Black Dog Hill Chapmanslade	Chapmanslade	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for the storage of building materials, tools and equipment	INQ	CC	11.11.08