

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Western Area Planning Committee

Place: Online Meeting

Date: Wednesday 17 June 2020

Time: 3.00 pm

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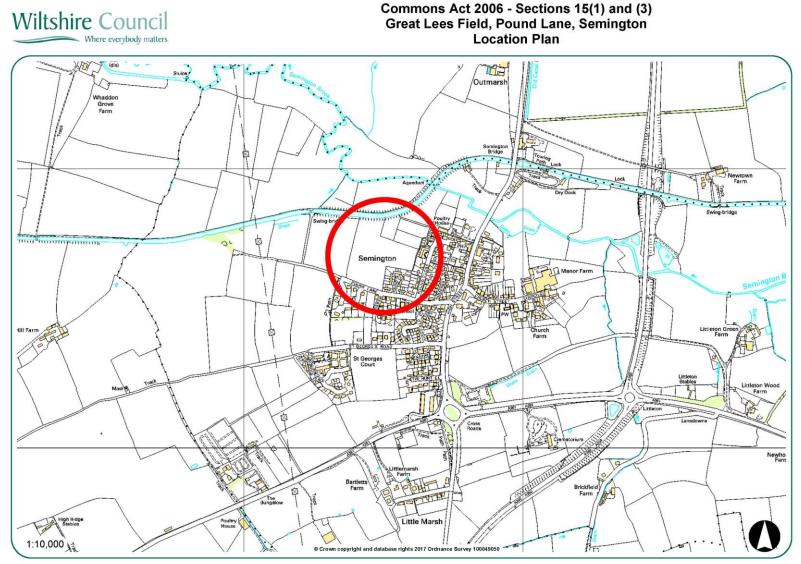
Cllr Graham Wright

COMMONS ACT 2006 – SECTIONS 15(1) & (3) – APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN – GREAT LEES FIELD, SEMINGTON

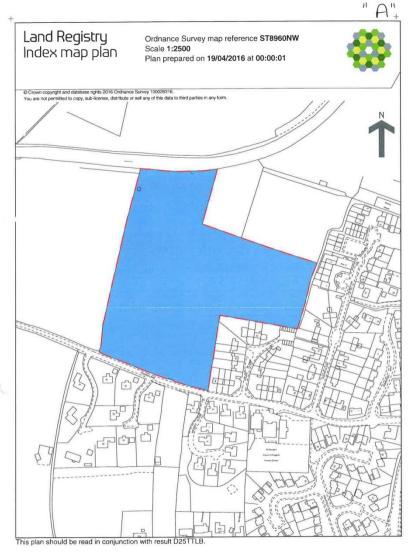
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Location Plan



4 Application Plan – Great Lees Field, Semington

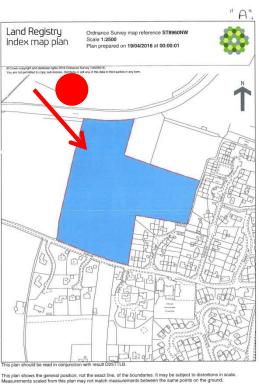


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The application land viewed from Footpath no.1 at the northwest corner of the field, showing the land ploughed (October 2016)





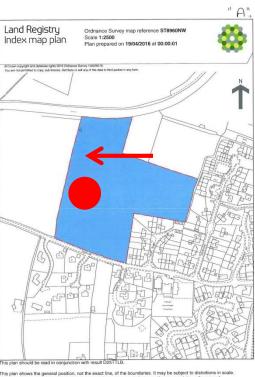


Pound Lane gate (October 2016)



The Wiltshire gate / gap in the western field boundary (August 2017)



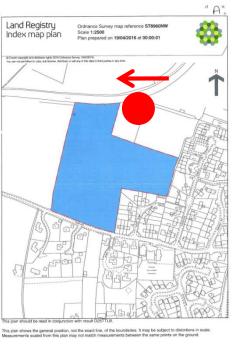


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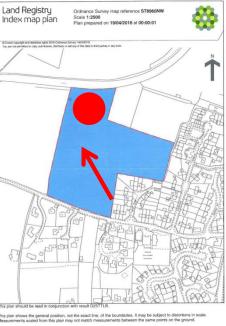
8 Stone stile on Footpath no.1 Semington at the northeast corner of Great Lees Field (August 2017)





Stile on Footpath no.1 at the north-west corner of Great Lees Field (August 2017)





Typical access gate from gardens of properties in Pound Close, to the east of Great Lees Field (August 2017)



The Legislation

Sub-section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 states:

- "15 Registration of greens
- all 1) Any person may apply to the commons
- ದ registration authority to register land to which this Part applies as a town or village green in a case where subsection (2), (3) or (4) applies."

Sub-section 15(3) of the Commons Act 2006 states:

- "(3) This subsection applies where -
 - (a) a significant number of inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years;
- (b) they ceased to do so before the time of the application but after the commencement of this section; and
 - (c) the application is made within the relevant period.
 - (3A) In subsection (3), "the relevant period" means -
 - (a) in the case of an application relating to land in England, the period of one year beginning with the cessation mentioned in subsection (3)(b)..."

The Application

- Application made under Sections 15(1) and (3) of the Commons Act where it is claimed that user has ceased.
- Application dated 24 June 2016 and date stamped by the Registration Authority as received on the same day.

Application made by Mr S Hall, Mr J Jonik and Dr W Scott as 'Friends of Great Lees Field'.

- Application land, known as Great Lees Field, owned by Mr W Stuart-Bruges and Mr A Haythornthwaite.
- Application supported by 66 completed user evidence forms.
- Application supported by Semington Parish Council.

Burden of Proof

Successful application - each element of the legal test (Section 15(3) of the Commons Act 2006), must be satisfied.

Burden of proof lies with the applicant.

- Page 16 Registration Authority has no investigative powers.
 - Standard of proof is the balance of probabilities.

The Evidence

On examination of the evidence, the following points were found to be in dispute:

- 1) Was there sufficient evidence of the exercise of lawful sports and pastimes over the whole of the application land, where the majority of user had been walking and dog walking?
 - 2) The alleged ploughing of the land in 2000, which would lead to a significant interruption to the qualifying 20 year user period.

Non-Statutory Public Inquiry

• It is the duty of the Registration Authority to determine the application in a fair and reasonable manner. It is open to them to hold a non-statutory public inquiry where there is a substantial dispute of fact, which is likely to be resolved by hearing from the witnesses.

At its meeting dated 13 December 2017 the Western Area Planning Committee resolved to appoint an independent Inspector to preside over a non-statutory public inquiry, to make a recommendation to Wiltshire Council to assist in its determination of the application.

- The Registration Authority appointed William Webster of 3 Paper Buildings to preside over an inquiry, held at Semington Village Hall on 15-17 October and 4-5 December 2019.
- Oral evidence provided at a public inquiry may be given weight where it is subject to cross examination.

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Non-Statutory Public Inquiry

- The Inspector provided the Registration Authority with a detailed report regarding the evidence and recommendation, dated 7 February 2020, including findings that:
 - A significant number of Semington inhabitants used the land, but not the whole of the land for LSP throughout the qualifying period.
 - The land was mainly used as a place of transit for walking to destinations outside the land rather than as a destination in its own right for LSP over the whole of the land.
 - The land would have been mainly used for the exercise of supposed rights of way along a defined route/routes. Such use does not justify registration as a Town/Village Green and use outside this category to justify legislation was too limited and infrequent.
 - The applicants are precluded from relying on use through the Pound Lane gate as this involved use which was forcible and not 'as of right' and would not justify registration.
- The Inspector recommends that the application should be rejected on the grounds that the applicable statutory criteria laid down in section 15(3) of the Commons Act 2006 have not been satisfied.

Officers Recommendation

That Wiltshire Council, as the Commons Registration Authority, accepts the Inspector's recommendation and that the application by The Friends of Great Lees Field', under Sections 15(1) and (3) of the Commons Act 2006, to register land off Pound Lane, Semington, known as 'Great Lees Field' be rejected for the reasons set out in the Inspector's report dated **7 February 2020.**

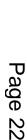
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Decision

- The Committee is making a decision in its Regulatory function which requires the Committee to act in a quasi-judicial capacity.
- When a Committee acts in its quasi-judicial capacity, it must follow a proper procedure which accords with the requirements of natural justice and the right to a fair hearing.

Pre-determination - Members of the committee should consider the Inspector's report and all of the evidence, including that presented to the Committee today, before making a decision on the application.

• If the Committee uses its power to determine the application against the Officers recommendation, the Committee must give legally valid reasons for this determination, which must be supported by the evidence.





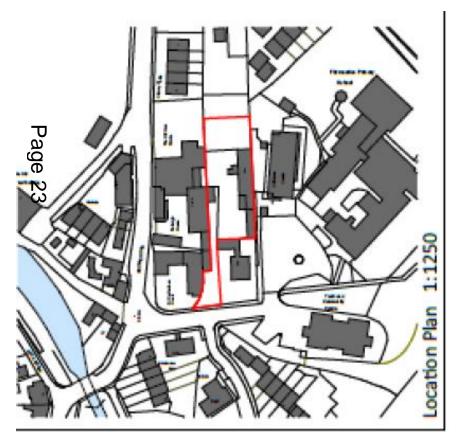
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7a) 19/09800/FUL - 12 A Frome Road, Bradford On Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1LE

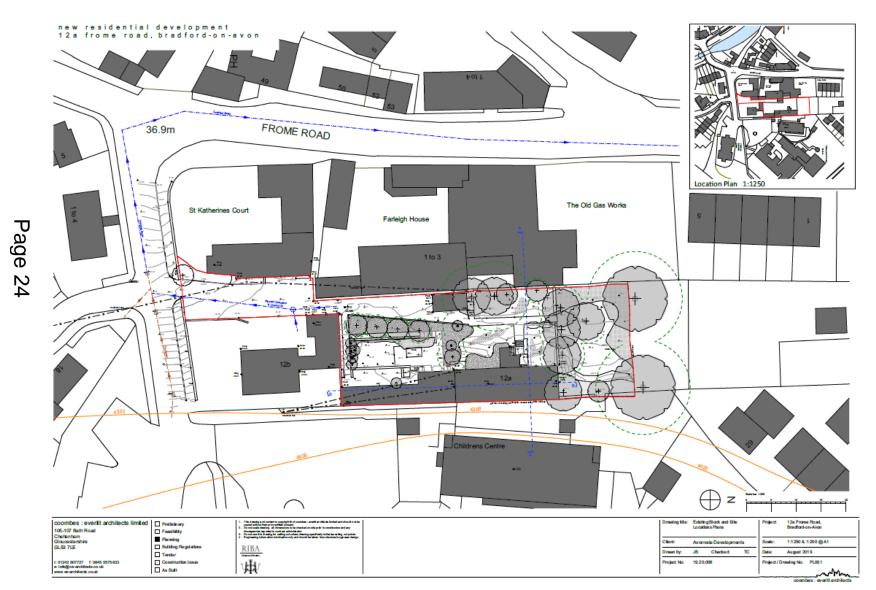
Demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuilding and replacement with 5 residential dwellings as well as alterations to the existing boundary wall to accommodate a widened vehicular access.

Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

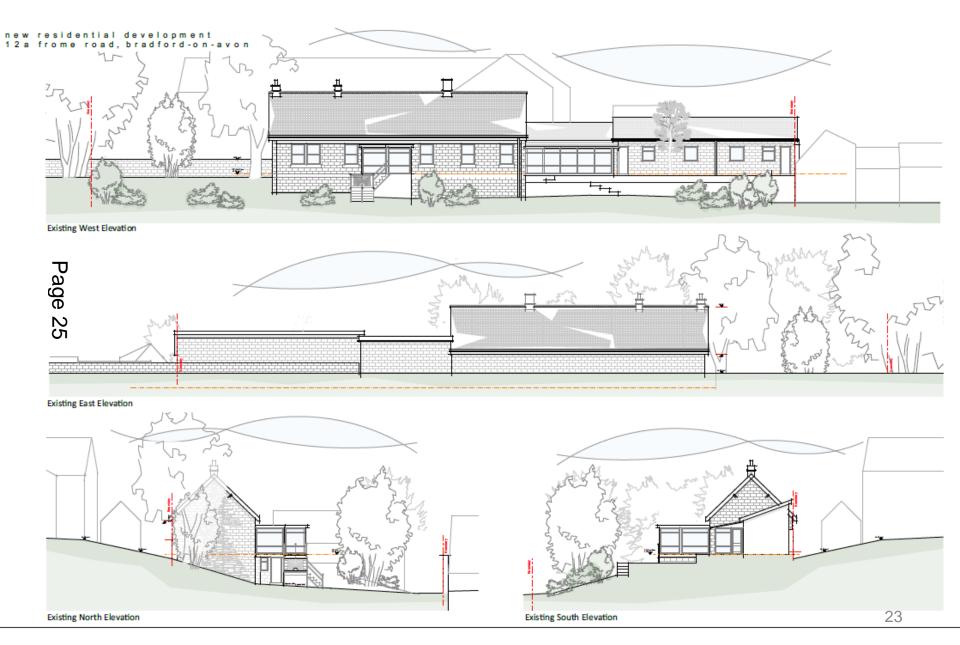




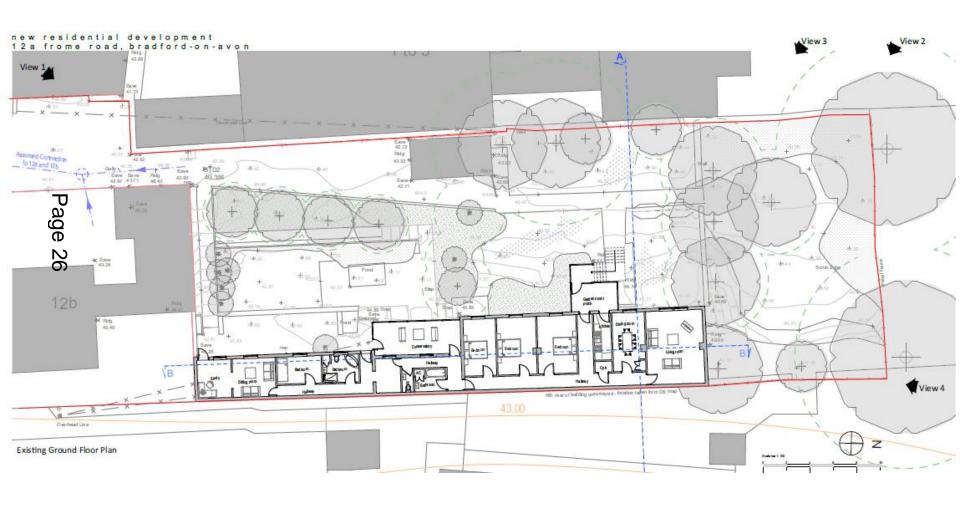
Existing Site Plan



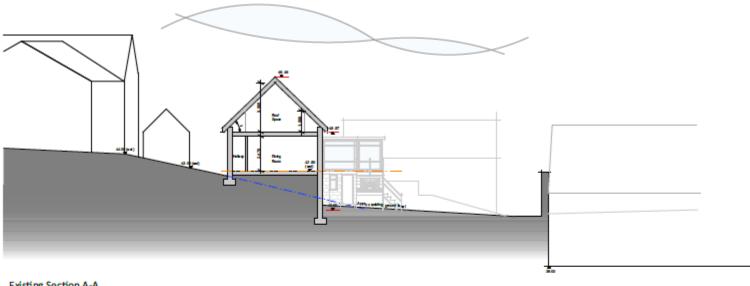
Existing elevations



Existing floor plans



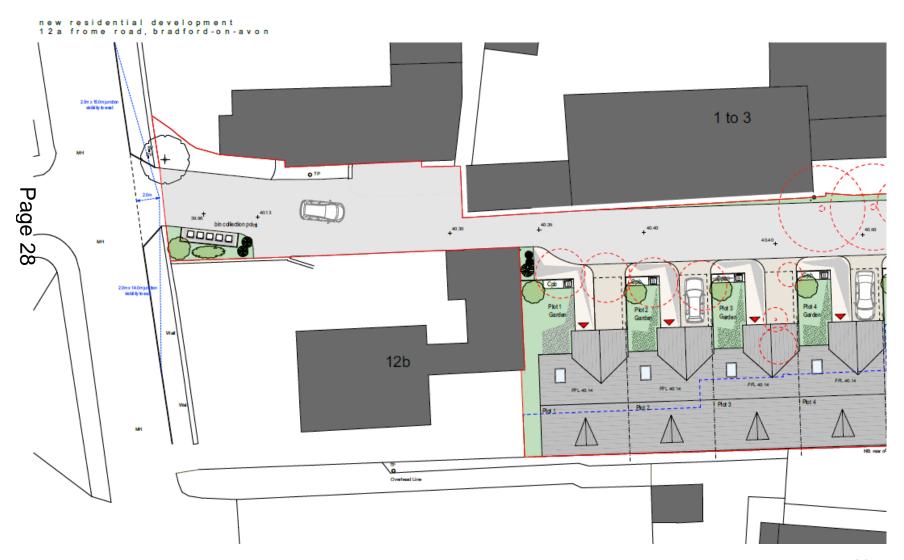
Existing site section



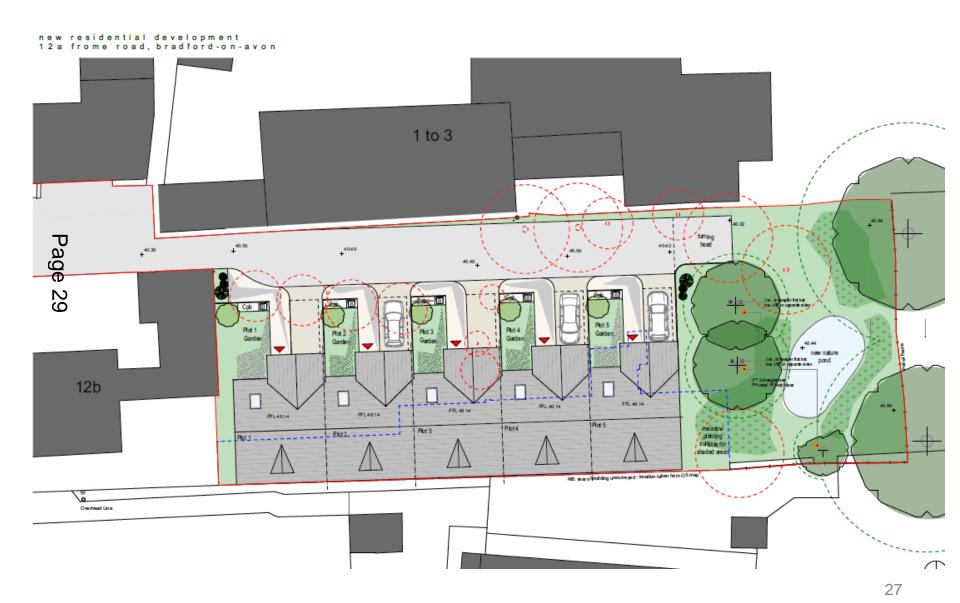
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Proposed site plan showing access



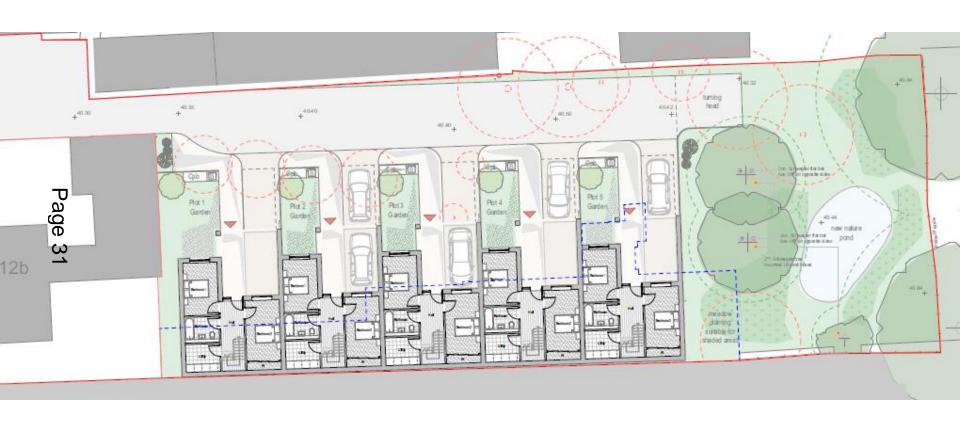
Proposed site plan showing dwellings and shared open space





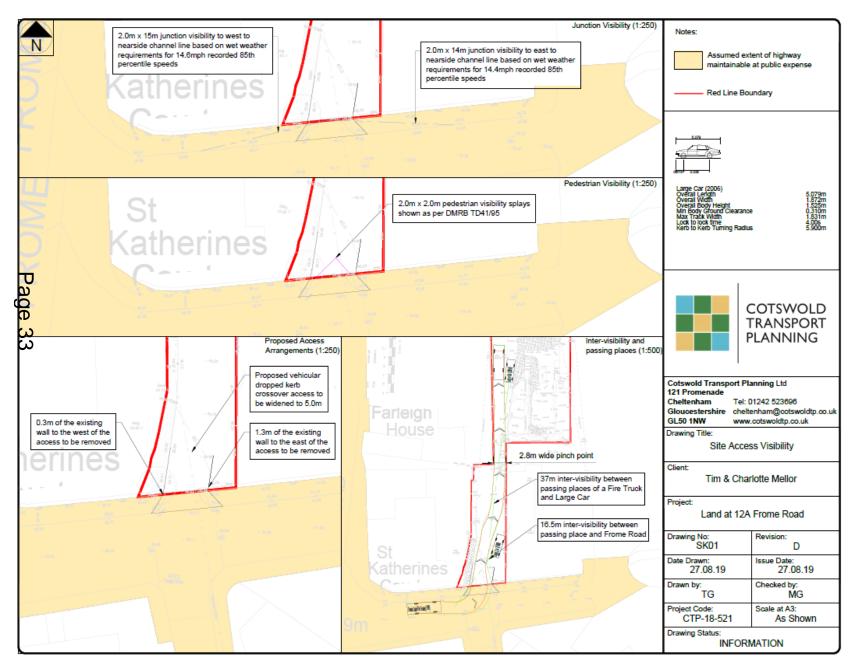
Blue dotted line shows the height and location of the existing building on site:8

Proposed ground floor plan





Proposed access





Left: the B3109 with the junction of Kennet Gardens

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Right: Kennet Gardens when viewed from B3109

Existing entrance towards the site. Photo shows neighbouring dwelling (12B)





Access to the site adjacent to neighbouring dwelling 12B

Existing dwelling



Existing dwelling with school building to the rear



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End elevation of existing dwelling with school building to the rear



Existing garden pictures where area of shared garden will be located

Right: View from the corner of the site to the existing modern buildings that front the B3109

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children leaving school towards Trowbridge Road.

NB: All photos taken on a Thursday (15:20) prior to the COVID19 lockdown

View from B3109 – you can just see the existing school building with the solar panels to the rear of the picture and the roof line of the existing dwelling



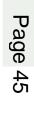




View of the existing dwelling from the school premises



3D illustrations

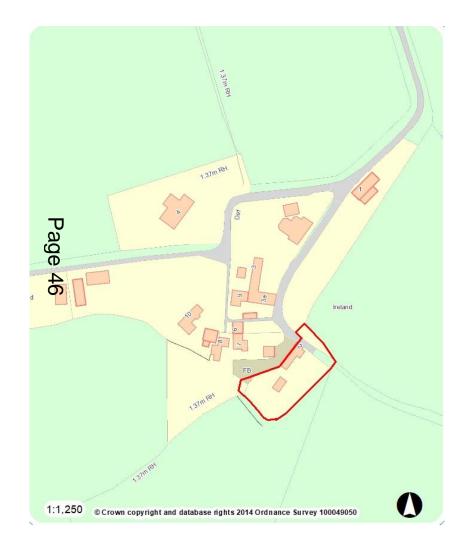




7b) 20/00059/FUL - Bishop's Folly, 2 Ireland, North Bradley, BA14 9RW

Erection of two storey extension, double garage, alterations and associated access works.

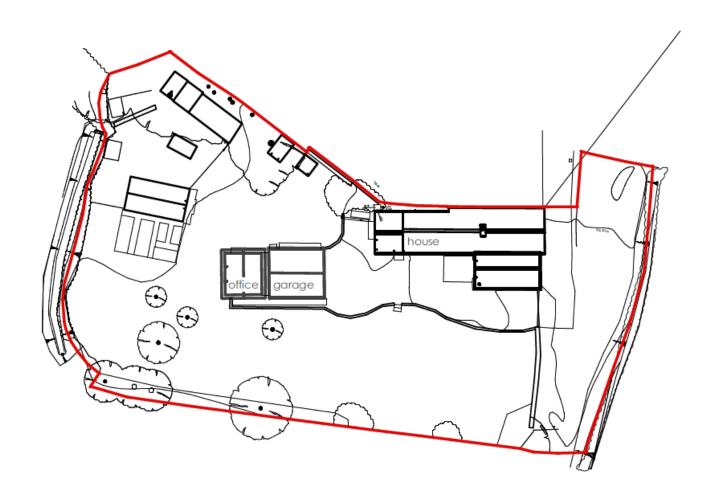
Recommendation: Approve with Conditions



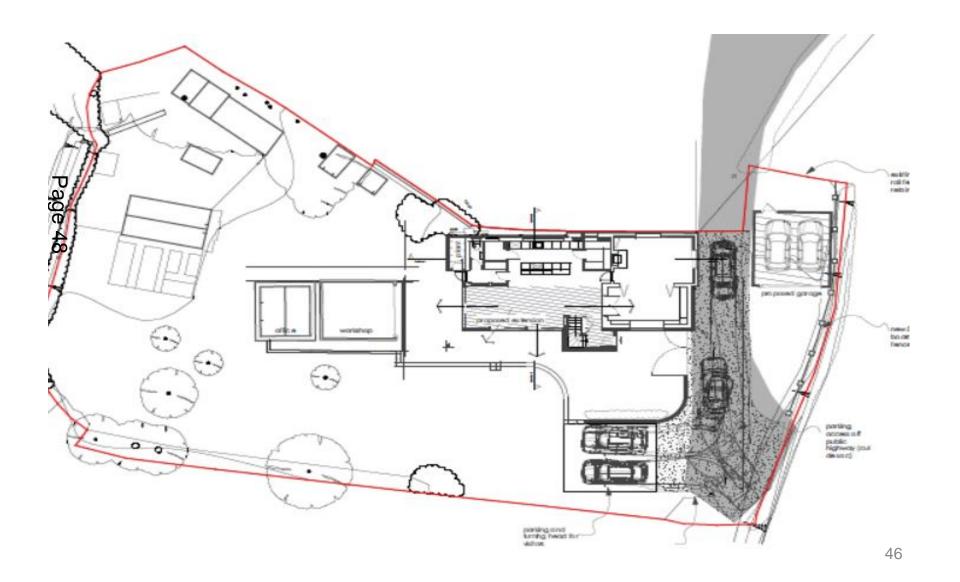


Existing Site Plan

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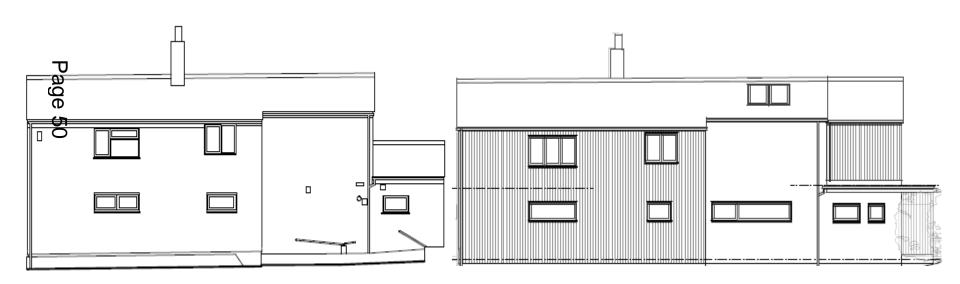
Proposed Site Plan



Existing and proposed front (south east) elevations

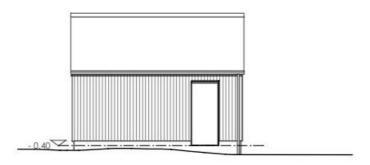


Existing and proposed rear (north west) elevations



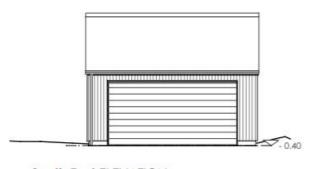


South West ELEVATION Proposed

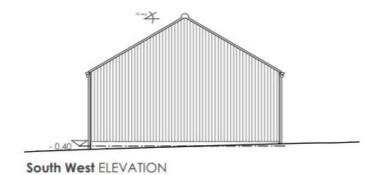


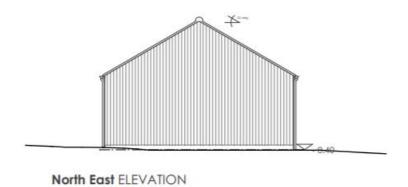
North West ELEVATION

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South East ELEVATION





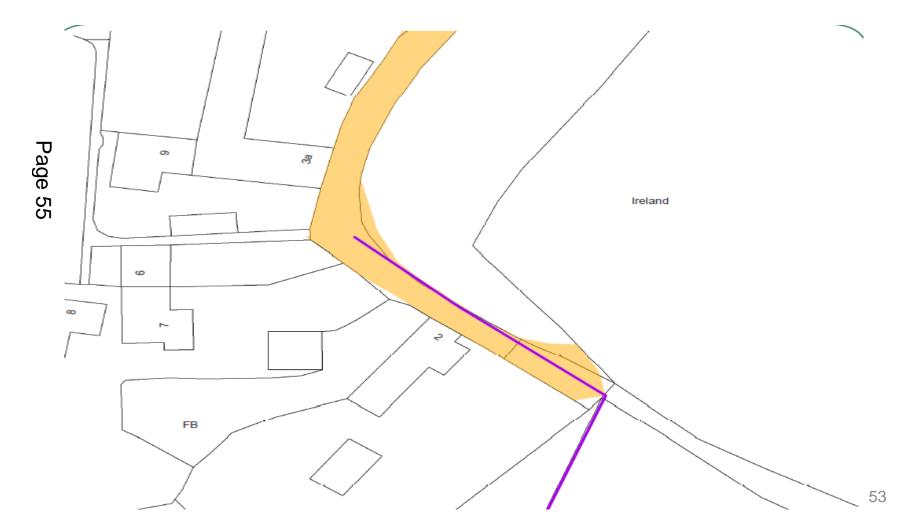
Existing front (south east)elevation





Illustration of parking arrangement and historic turning area

A highway search shows the single-track lane is adopted highway up to and beyond the site access. The highway land is shown to widen at the end of the adopted section, which suggests it was intended to serve as a turning area.



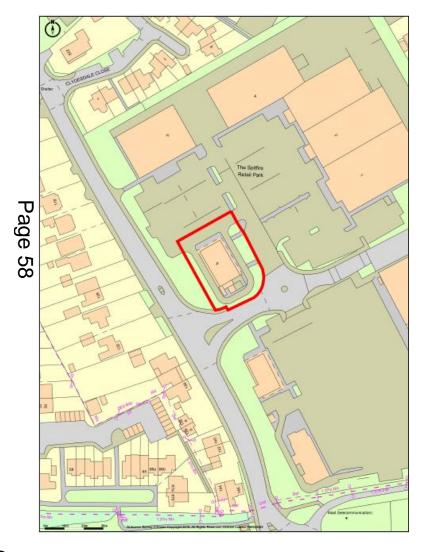


Separation distances to closest neighbours (6 & 7 Ireland)



7c) 19/12153/VAR - McDonalds Restaurant - 235 Bradley Road, Trowbridge BA14 0AZ

Variation of Condition 3 of W/96/00587/FUL to modify the opening hours to 06:00 – 23:00 Monday - Saturday **Recommendation: Approve with Conditions**









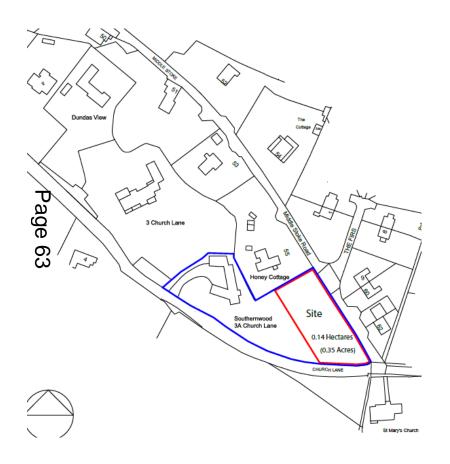




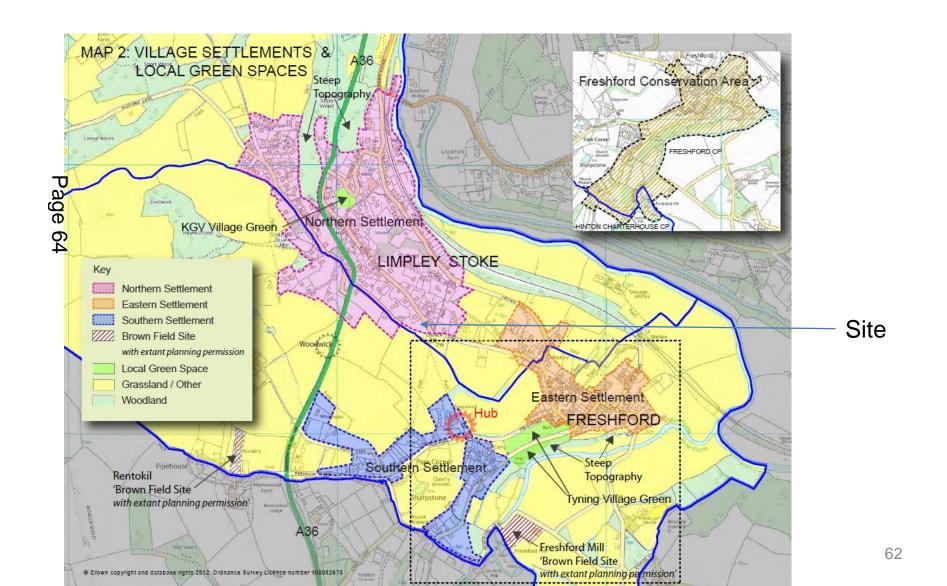
7d) 19/10471/FUL – 3A Church Lane, Limpley Stoke BA2 7GH

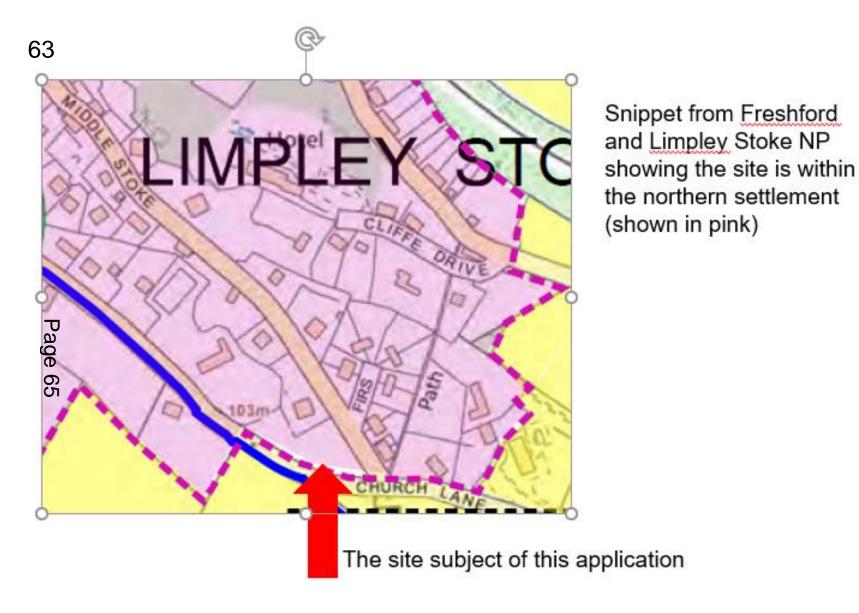
Erection of 2 No. dwellings and associated landscaping and access work (amended design)

Recommendation: Approve with Conditions









Proposed Site Plan



Proposed Front and Rear Elevations

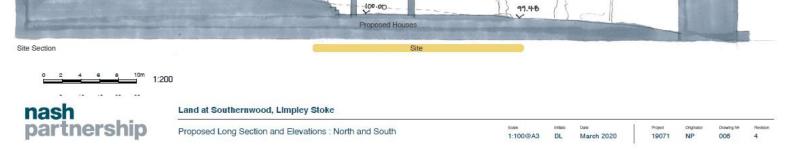


Land at Southernwood, Limpley Stoke

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Proposed Side Elevations and Cross Section

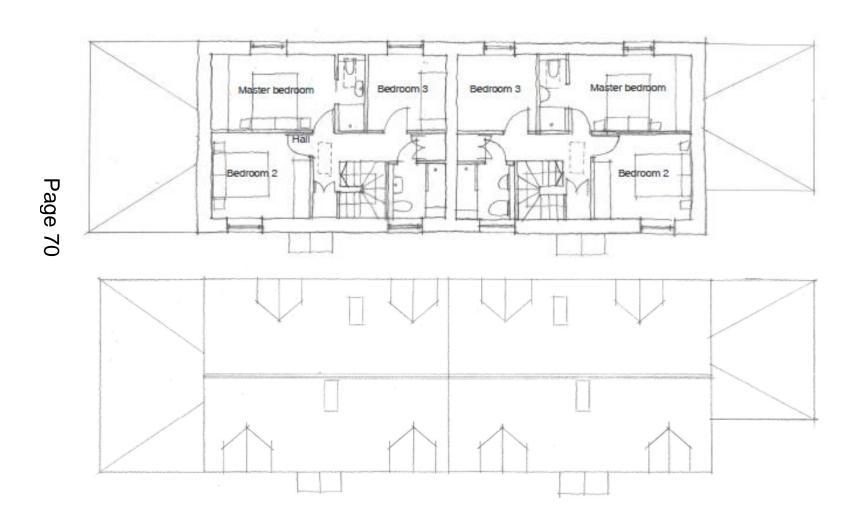




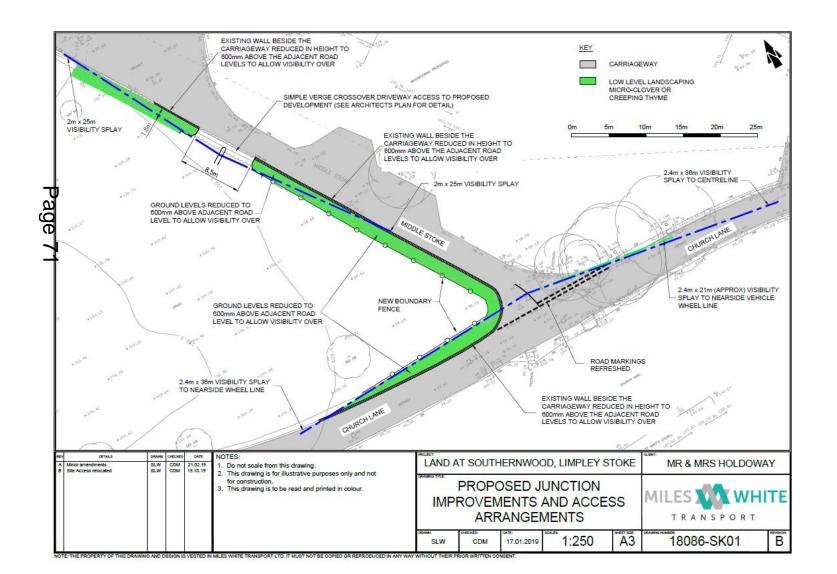
Proposed Ground Floor Plan



Proposed First Floor and Roof Plans



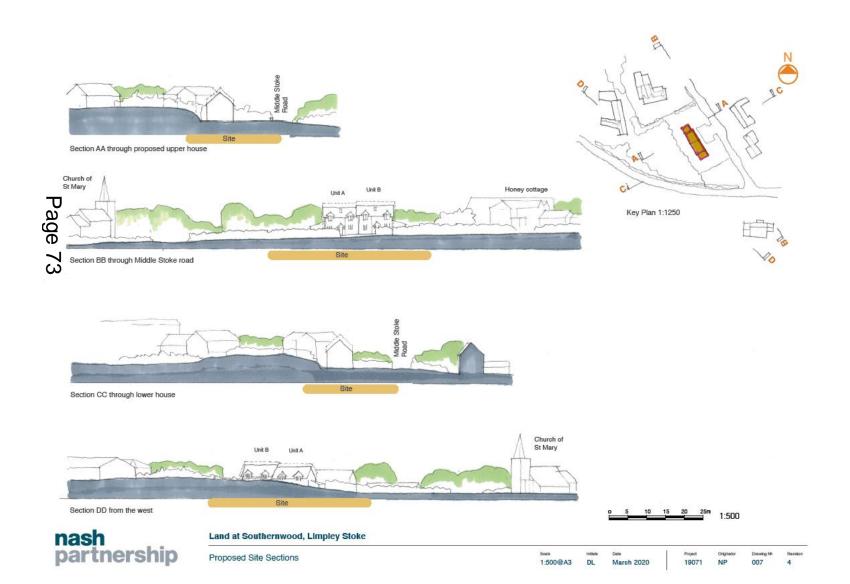
Proposed Junction Improvements Plan

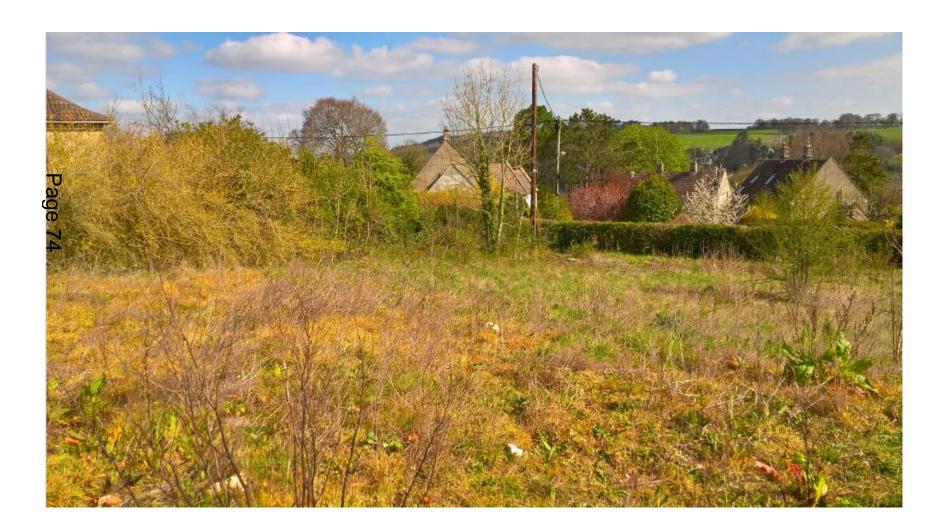


Proposed Landscaping Plan



Proposed Site Sections





View towards the church from within the site



View towards church along Middle Stoke Rd – the site is on right



Existing junction of the Firs and Middle Stoke Road



76 Photo taken over the existing hedge showing the distance between Honeywell Cottage and their boundary to the site



The application site as viewed from Church Lane. Honeywell Cottage is to the left and the existing dwellings located along The Firs and Middle Stoke are to the right.



Middle Stoke Road with existing dwellings set back from the road – application site is beyond the hedge on the left side of the road.



Existing junction of Middle Stoke and Church Lane





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