Part I

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WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PUBLIC PROTECTION, PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE)

PLANNING UPDATE - FUTURE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report is for the Development Management Committee to provide a summary of applications that might be presented to Committee over the coming months. If the call-in or application is withdrawn, the item will not be presented.
- 1.2 The applications should not be debated as part of this agenda, however any Councillor wishing to raise specific points about the proposal such as a need for planning obligations or issue(s) that might not readily be apparent from the proposal or any other matter, may do so and the case officer will consider, where they are planning considerations, these matters raised as part of the future Committee report.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 comprises all applications that have been called-in or objected to by Town or Parish Councils. Appendix 2 comprises those that are a departure from the Local Plan, Officers consider should be determined by Development Management Committee, the applicant is the Borough Council or it has an interest in the land and an objection has been received.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That members note this report.

Name of author Chris Carter x2298

Title Interim Development Management Service Manager

Appendix 1 - Applications called-in or objected to

| | 6/2016/0270/VAR |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Address | Four Oaks 1-4 Great North Road Welwyn AL6 0PL |
| Proposal | Variation of conditions 1 (occupants) and 2 (number of caravans) of Planning Permission N6/2010/0211/S73B to increase the number of caravans from 10 to 20 of which no more than 5 shall be static caravans or mobile homes. |
| Applicant | Mr J Connors |
| Ward | Welwyn West |
| Agent | Mr M Green |
| Call-In/Objection from | Councillor Julie Cragg, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council |
| Reason for Committee | Please can we call this in due to the fact that this raises a lot of issues of concern for the residents. |
| Decision | There is uneasiness about the fact that the number of caravans fluctuates wildly and that they residents do not appear to adhere to the planing that they do have. |
| | The restrictions regarding children is there as this was not intended to be a permanent site but only to give stability to the children to enable them to attend school. |
| | Are they planning to use caravans as an office sutie and run business's from there? [sic] |
| Call-In/Objection from | Caroline Williams, Welwyn Parish Council |
| Reason for Committee Decision | 15/03/2016 21:43 - Welwyn Parish Council at its Planning & Licensing Committee of the 15 March 2016 agreed to submit Major Objection. We are unclear why the existing conditions have not been enforced. We understand that the site was permitted as a temporary location linked to the schooling of the children which have now grown up and not as a permanent site. We are concerned that the number of caravans has continued to increase overtime both with, and without, permission and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council have previously stated that 10 is the maximum that can be accommodated. The existing conditions include that the land should be restored in accordance with the scheme previously submitted and approved by the planning authority as the residents may have already changed. |
| Case Officer | Mrs June Pagdin |

| | 6/2016/0900/FULL |
|-----------|---|
| Address | 111 The Ryde, Hatfield, AL9 5DP |
| Proposal | Change of use to Sui-Generis Large House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for up to 9 occupants |
| Applicant | Mr I Kabala |

Ward Hatfield East

Agent Planmore Design Architecture

Call-In/Objection

from

Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council

Reason for Committee Decision

There is insufficient parking for this use, the development is cramped, insufficient welfare amenities for the number of occupants and this Council supports the Borough?s Corporate Property Department in their objection regarding the covenants in place. Approving this application would set a bad

precedent for HMO's in this area.

Case Officer Mrs June Pagdin

6/2016/1375/FULL

Address 51 Roe Green Close, Hatfield, AL10 9PF

Proposal Erection of chalet type bungalow

Applicant Mr A Miller

Hatfield South West Ward

Agent Mr C Bailey

Reason for

Committee

Decision

from

Call-In/Objection Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council

Further to our objection the details are; The committee raises objections to this planning application regarding proximity to chalk mines, vehicular access, refuse and emergency vehicle access and the number local

residents objections for such an isolated area.

Case Officer Mrs June Pagdin

6/2016/1493/VAR

Address Thunderbridge Yard Bulls Lane Hatfield AL9 7BB

Variation of condition 1 to make the temporary permission permanent; Proposal

condition 3 to permit eight caravans of which no more than five would be static caravans; condition 4 to vary the approved drawings; and condition 5

to vary the site development scheme; of planning permission

S6/2011/0116/FP

Applicant Mr J Robb

Ward Welham Green & Hatfield South

Mrs A Heine Agent

from

Call-In/Objection Councillor Paul Zukowskyj, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Reason for Committee Decision

I would like to formally 'call in ' this application as it meets at least two of the key criteria for a call in, namely 1. The application is of an unusually

sensitive nature as the current use of the site has led to significant adverse impact on neighbours amenity and that development beyond that permitted had occurred at the site. 2. The wider ramifications are the potential impact

of permitting this development may have on setting precedent for permitting neighbouring sites in the forthcoming local plan examination in public. There is also the precedent that would be set of permitting such developments. even for a limited period, in flood zones.

from

Call-In/Objection Sue Chudleigh, North Mymms Parish Council

Reason for Committee Decision

NMPC OBJECT as this is clearly a new application. The name of the applicants is not the name to whom the extant Permission was originally given.

The Government Planning Policy for traveller sites Policy E, in its introduction, states that making and decision taking should protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development - Item 4d and Item 16 state that inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt except in exceptional circumstances. None have been indicated.

Item 4f - further states the local planning authority should aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments. This site has consistently exceeded the numbers stated in the original Permission and it is too small a site to be abused in this way.

Item 4k - states the local planning authority have to have due regard to the protection of local amenities and local environment.

There have also been sanitary issues arising from the over-use of the site. One or more travelling caravans have also been let to itinerant workers in contravention to the terms of the licence. This has caused considerable problems to the neighbourhood.

Item 13 of the Planning Policy for traveller sites states the local planning authority should ensure that their policies:

- a) promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community
- f) avoid placing undue pressure on local infrastructure and services
- a) do not locate sites in areas at high risk of flooding, including functional floodplains, given the particular vulnerability of caravans

Policy E, Item 24 addresses local provision and it is the case that WHBC do not have a firm policy on Gypsy and Traveller sites in the Borough but there are existing sites in Welham Green – including a long term Showmans site which causes no trouble - however the Foxes Lane site also is also over used as the numbers of caravans exceeds the permitted numbers. Item 27 states that if a local planning authority cannot demonstrate an up to date 5 year supply of deliverable sites this should be a material consideration and in this case the existing sites result in over supply in Welham Green therefore any expansion is unwarranted.

Item 25 states that the local planning authority should very strictly limit traveller site development in the Green Belt and further "sites in rural areas do not dominate the nearest settled community." Expansion of this site would cause stress on services and neighbours.

Item 16 Inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved, except in very special circumstances. Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development. Subject to the best interests of the child, personal circumstances and unmet need are unlikely to clearly outweigh harm to the Green Belt and any other harm so as to establish very special circumstances, none of which have been indicated in this case.

Item 24(a) The Local Planning Authority has to take into account the existing level of local provision and Welham Green currently has provision. Indeed, even this is exceeded unlawfully – see report from Dennis Pennyfather, Licensing Technical Officer, dated 24 August 2016.

Item 25 This further states the Local Planning Authority should very strictly limit sites in rural areas should not dominate the nearest settled community. Of late the activities at Thunderbridge Yard have caused extreme concern and disturbance to the neighbourhood. Police and other authorities are aware of this, which seems to arise from the subletting of the excessive on-site accommodation to persons other than gypsies or travellers.

Footnote 9 States there is no presumption that a temporary grant of Planning Permission should be granted permanently, therefore North Mymms Parish Council consider, taking into account comments by Licensing Technical Officer that the site is not big enough, there are fire safety issues and this is a known flood plain with previous flooding issues, caravans on this Green Belt site are inappropriate development.

Case Officer Mrs June Pagdin

| | 6/2017/0225/FULL |
|-------------------------|--|
| Address | Welwyn Rugby Football Club Hobbs Way Welwyn Garden City AL8 6HX |
| Proposal | Retention of 4x 15 metre high floodlight columns and lamps measuring a further 0.5 metres |
| Applicant | Mr M Elliott |
| Ward | Handside |
| Agent | Mr M Elliott |
| Call-In/Objection from | Councillor Helen Bromley, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council |
| Reason for Committee | I would like to call this in as the new floodlights are significantly higher and brighter than those which they replaced, by some 7 meters, and they are |

Decision also in different positions to the original lights.

This has caused significant harm to the residents and the general amenity of

the area.

The original application did not mention the floodlights being in different

positions.

This is impacting on the conservation and EMS area. There is substantial visual intrusion day and night.

At night, the light spill is far worse than previously, despite the rugby club

saying it would be less. This is not the case.

The club also seems to be contravening the permission given as to when

they may be used.

Case Officer Ms Rachael Collard

| | 6/2017/0513/FULL |
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| Address | 5 West View Hatfield AL10 0PJ |
| Proposal | Change of use from sui-generis (Large HMO for up to 8 people) to a large HMO for up to 7 people and 6 self-contained units for up to 12 people and erection of laundry area and awning over patio |
| Applicant | Ms D Law |
| Ward | Hatfield Cent. |
| Agent | Ms D Law |
| Call-In/Objection from | Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council |
| Reason for Committee | The Committee objected to this application due to the fact the Hatfield Article 4 Direction desperately needs reviewing and this has been recognised by |

Reason for Committee Decision The Committee objected to this application due to the fact the Hatfield Article 4 Direction desperately needs reviewing and this has been recognised by the LPA. Until such time that this has been carried out and bearing in mind that the overall concentration of HMOs in Hatfield Town Council's area needs to be reduced, no further HMOs should be permitted within the boundaries of Hatfield Town Council's area hence forth. This particular application lacks sufficient communal space and we suggest fails to meet the legal requirements for HMO's.

Case Officer Mr Mark Peacock

| | 6/2017/0606/MAJ |
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| Address | 1-9 Town Centre Hatfield AL10 0JZ |
| Proposal | Erection of 2 buildings to provide 1,194m2 (GEA) commercial floor space (A1 & A3), 70 flats (15 x 1 bedroom, 7 x 2 bedroom, three person and 48 x 2 bedroom, four person) with associated car/bicycle parking, plant and refuse storage and including the improvement of public realm, following the demolition of existing buildings. |
| Applicant | Mr P Brimley |
| Ward | Hatfield Cent. |
| Agent | Mr P Wellings-Longmore |

Call-In/Objection Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council

from

Reason for Committee Decision

Object: The Town Council is concerned at the impact of parking from new residential units on the retail parking spaces available. The Council has repeatedly asked that design of new structures in the Town is sympathetic to existing Hatfield designs but again we see another architect imposing their design on our Town making it an uncoordinated mismatch of urban design from different decades with no empathy to the historic nature of the Town. Members are concerned at the impact of the level 7 building on the Grade 1 listed building of Hatfield House. Members consider that a community

facility needs to be included within the design.

Case Officer Mr Mark Peacock

6/2017/1152/FULL

Address Units 9-11 Peartree Farm Welwyn Garden City AL7 3UW

Change of use of land to a sui generis use for vehicle repairs with the Proposal

operating hours: Monday-Friday 07:00- 19:00 and Saturday 08:00-13:00 Erection of a workshop following part demolition of existing workshop

Welham Travel **Applicant**

Ward **Peartree**

DLA Town Planning Ltd Agent

from

Call-In/Objection Councillor Malcolm Cowan, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Reason for Committee Decision

I wish to call in this application for member decision. The fact these industrial units back onto residential homes means there has been some history of a difficult interface and it is important the application is given the fullest examination. The difficult interface relates to previous complaints over a long period of time during the occupation by the previous occupier as a bus

operator.

Case Officer Mr Raphael Adenegan

6/2017/1242/FULL

2 St Albans Road East Hatfield AL10 0HE Address

Proposal Conversion of single dwelling into 5 self contained units.

Applicant Ms M Lister Ward Hatfield East Agent Mr M Bryant

from

Call-In/Objection Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council

Reason for 30/06/2017 16:37 - The Committee object to this application due to the fact the Hatfield Article 4 Direction desperately needs reviewing and this has Committee

Decision been recognised by the LPA. Until such time that this has been carried out

and bearing in mind that the overall concentration of HMOs in Hatfield Town Council's area needs to be reduced, no further HMOs should be permitted within the boundaries of Hatfield Town Council's area hence forth. Whilst this application provides self contained units, it is still going to have the same effect as an HMO including the parking issues and negative effects on local

residents.

Case Officer Mr David Elmore

6/2017/1575/HOUSE

6 Errington Close Hatfield AL10 9AU Address

Proposal Conversion of garage to habitable room with installation of window to rear

elevation

Helene Applicant

Ward Hatfield Villages Agent Mr A Feasey

from

Call-In/Objection Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council

Reason for

Committee Decision

14/08/2017 14:49 - Members object to the loss of a parking space in this part

of Hatfield where parking is at a premium.

Further the Hatfield Article 4 Direction desperately needs reviewing and this has been recognised by the LPA. Until such time that this has been carried out and bearing in mind that the overall concentration of HMOs in Hatfield Town Council's area needs to be reduced, no further HMOs should be permitted within the boundaries of Hatfield Town Council's area hence forth, permitting this garage to be converted will further exacerbate the increase in student/HMO accommodation in Hatfield.

Case Officer Mr David Elmore

6/2017/1617/FULL

20 Upland Drive Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 6PT Address

Erection of 2 x 5-bedroom dwellings with private rear garden and front Proposal

driveways, following demolition of existing dwelling.

Applicant Mr G Shiells

Ward **Brookmans Park & Little Heath**

Agent Mr P Cramphorn

from

Call-In/Objection Councillor Stephen Boulton, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Reason for Committee Decision

I have not called in the previous one at 30 Upland but this at 16 follows immediately the application for 20 Upland and three applications for two large detached houses on each plot previously having one in a matter of weeks seems to be detrimental to the amenity of existing houses in the road.

I know that each one needs to be dealt with individually but in this case the six proposed houses in these three applications look excessive. Added to this is the real concerns of the rest of the residents in the road.

Therefore if the officers are not minded to refuse the application I would like to call in 20 and 16. Thanks.

Stephen

Mr David Elmore

Case Officer Mrs June Pagdin

Case Officer

| | 6/2017/1903/FULL |
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| Address | 36 Salisbury Square Hatfield AL9 5AF |
| Proposal | Erection of 4 front, 4 rear and 2 side dormer windows, 5 front and 5 rear rooflights to facilitate conversion of roof, to include the creation of 2 x 1-bedroom and 2 x 2-bedroom flats with associated parking, cycle store and landscaping |
| Applicant | Templewood Securities LTD |
| Ward | Hatfield East |
| Agent | Mrs V Davies |
| Call-In/Objection from | Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council |
| Reason for Committee Decision | 16/10/2017 16:08 - Members were not aware that the Job Centre in Hatfield was targeted for closure. They do not see in the application details of where it will be relocated. They wish to raise concerns regarding parking, loss of more commercial space in Old Hatfield to residential units and lack of any amenity area for the new residential units. |

| | 6/2017/2162/HOUSE |
|------------------------|---|
| Address | 54 Mymms Drive Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 7AF |
| Proposal | Erection of wall with railings and gates facing the road |
| Applicant | Mr A Hamalis |
| Ward | Brookmans Park & Little Heath |
| Agent | Mr C Anatolitis |
| Call-In/Objection from | Sue Chudleigh, North Mymms Parish Council |
| Reason for Committee | 16/10/2017 11:30 - North Mymms Parish Council's previous comments in respect of Ref: 6/2017/0369 and Ref: 6/2017/0977/HOUSE that the proposal |

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was inappropriate and out of keeping as it would result in it breaking up the openness of the road where there are currently no gates and walls close by and would also be over dominant in the street scene remains the same with this revised application. This continues to be inappropriate development. North Mymms Parish Council request that our current comments are noted as an "Objection with Comments" but if this application is likely to be recommended for approval then we would request that it is registered as a Major Objection.

Case Officer Mr David Elmore

housing.

Ms Rachael Collard

Case Officer

| | 6/2017/2202/OUTLINE |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Address | Land at Waterbeach, Bericot Way and Shackleton Way Welwyn Garden City AL7 2PT |
| Proposal | Outline planning application for 21 dwellings with all matters except access reserved |
| Applicant | Mr D Bowler |
| Ward | Panshanger |
| Agent | Mr M Wood |
| Call-In/Objection from | Councillor Terry Mitchinson, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council |
| Reason for Committee Decision | I wish to call in this application on the grounds of overdevelopment and loss of a local amenity. This site lies on the edge of a plot originally earmarked for a local school. Subsequently planning permission was granted for a care home which now dominates the area and takes up a significant amount of the plot. Had a school been built there would have been provision of a playing field which would have protected an area of open space between the new build and existing houses. I believe the open space that now exists |

should remain as a buffer between the care home and existing nearby

| | 6/2017/2204/ADV |
|------------------------|---|
| Address | Trade Park 1 Bessemer Road Welwyn Garden City AL7 1HF |
| Proposal | Installation of 3 x internally illuminated freestanding forecourt signs measuring 3m in height and 1.8m in width |
| Applicant | Industrial Property Investment Fund |
| Ward | Peartree |
| Agent | Mr A Cornish |
| Call-In/Objection from | Councillor Malcolm Cowan, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council |
| Reason for Committee | Given what you have told me, I object on the grounds: * the signs are excessively large and destructive of the streetscene where |

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advertisements are generally small and well-proportioned

* the existing signs one the buildings and their size, makes the signs being applied for, unnecessary. It is clear from the photo-montage that the lettering on the signs would infact be and appear smaller than the signage already in place.

Given the potential for this setting a precedent, I must ask for this to be taken to committee, unless officers decide to reject the application.

Case Officer Ms Lucy Hale

| | 6/2017/2262/FULL | |
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| Address | 14 & 16 Bishops Rise Hatfield AL10 9HB | |

Erection of a two storey rear extension to both properties and alterations to openings to facilitate conversation of existing houses to form 4 x 2 bedroom (No. 14) and 4 x 1-bedroom (No.16) flats with associated car parking and

cycle stores, following the partial demolition of existing dwellings

Danewell Limited Applicant Ward Hatfield South West Mr D Goodman Agent

Reason for

Committee

Decision

from

Proposal

Call-In/Objection Councillor James Broach, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

1/11/2017 10:42 - This application has not addressed my concerns with the previous application (6/2016/0255/FULL), refused earlier this year under delegated powers. I therefore wish to call this application into DMC on the following grounds:

The proposed development would be out of keeping with the surrounding area of family homes. To my knowledge no other dwelling in the near vicinity has gone through this kind of conversion - and approving this sets a very dangerous precedent.

I am concerned about the number of residents that could potentially be housed on this site - with 12 bedrooms in total proposed for the site, there could potentially be 24 people residing in two former family homes, which to me seems far too many and raises concerns about the welfare of this number of residents potentially being crammed into a space of this size.

On the point of the potential number of people living at this property, I feel that insufficient parking provision has been made on this site, and I note the objection from Vicki Hatfield on parking which I fully support. There is not sufficient on street parking in this area to meet the potential demand.

Residents in surrounding areas have expressed concern about overlooking and loss of light to their properties - at the time of writing one household has written in, and as per the parking I fully support these concerns.

This is wholly inappropriate development and would set a worrying precedent if approved. I therefore urge it's refusal, and am happy for this to be refused under delegated power should officers recommend refusal.

from

Call-In/Objection Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council

Reason for Committee

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2/11/2017 13:35 - The Town Council is astounded by the applicants' comment "the availability of on-street parking spaces which are nowhere near capacity" and shows little or no proper analysis of current conditions in the area. Taking into account the objection by the Parking Services Officer and the Transport Study undertaken by Hatfield 2030+ which would have been available to the applicants' had they been seriously bothered about Hatfield's parking and transportation issues, we object to the application on grounds of inadequate parking. The need to create so many parking spaces and an area to create forward turning areas for cars means that there is insufficient amenity space for the residents of the properties. Rather than considering this a "small scale" development Members this a large scale development when compared to neighbouring properties and consider it out of character. Members consider the creation of parking spaces in what is currently a back garden will create increase in noise levels which will be unacceptable to neighbouring properties and therefore we also object on grounds of increase in noise.

Case Officer Mr David Elmore

6/2017/2288/FULL

First Floor 12 Harpsfield Broadway Hatfield AL10 9TF Address

Change of use from Office (B1 (a)) to a Dwellinghouse (C3) to include the Proposal

creation of 4 dwellings.

Mr A Collins **Applicant**

Ward Hatfield Villages

Mr M Scott Agent

Call-In/Objection Carrie Lloyd, Hatfield Town Council

from

Reason for Committee Decision

2/11/2017 12:07 - We object on grounds of lack of parking. It appears that landlords are now getting around the HMO problem in Hatfield by creating flats in areas that are entirely in appropriate for residential development. We comment that the Hatfield Article 4 Direction desperately needs reviewing and this has been recognised by the LPA. Until such time that this has been carried out and bearing in mind that the overall concentration of HMOs in Hatfield Town Council's area needs to be reduced, no further HMOs should be permitted within the boundaries of Hatfield Town Council's area hence

forth.

Case Officer Mr Raphael Adenegan

6/2017/2329/FULL

Land Adjacent to 37 Lambs Close Cuffley EN6 4HD Address

Proposal Erection of 3 x 2-bedroom dwellings with associated parking - retrospective

Applicant Ludgate Property Developments Ltd

Ward Northaw and Cuffley

Agent Mr D Padalino

Call-In/Objection Jason Grocock, Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council

from

Reason for 2/11/2017 19:57 - The Parish Council has a major objection to this

Committee application on the following basis:-

Decision Overdevelopment of the site. Creates overlooking on neighbouring

properties. Inappropriate development of the site. Inadequate car parking.

Similar scheme previously rejected (6/2017/1079/FULL)

Case Officer Mr William Myers

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Address Land at Tollgate Farm Tollgate Road Welham Green AL4 0NY

Proposal Development of a battery storage facility with associated infrastructure.

Applicant RNA-Energy Ltd

Ward Welham Green & Hatfield South

Agent Mr A Barton

from

Call-In/Objection Councillor Paul Zukowskyj, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Reason for

Committee

Decision

07/11/2017 18:57

I think the development being in the green belt presents questions about whether it is one that would constitute inappropriate development and if so, an assessment of whether VSC were demonstrated would be necessary. If

one is necessary, I think it appropriate that the DMC make that

determination.

I think that irrespective of GB policy, the development is one that would present sensitive and unusual planning issues and should therefore be

heard by the DMC, as per the criteria for call-in.

31/10/2017 10:21 - This application raises unusual and sensitive planning issues, in that the facility is within the green belt and may have an adverse impact on the green belt, but may have very special circumstances in its favour that could allow it to be granted permission. I think these issues need to be aired at committee to give residents and the applicant the opportunity to discuss the merits and demerits of the application in an appropriate forum.

Case Officer Mr Mark Peacock

6/2017/2386/FULL

Address The Rookery Cafe Great North Road Hatfield AL9 5SF Proposal Change of use of ground floor (A3) into a children's nursery (D1) involving

the erection of a single storey rear extension, and conversion of first floor

from HMO (C4) to form 2 x 1-bedroom flats (C3)

Mr M Filiou PLC c/o Dr. L Capaldo **Applicant** Ward Welham Green & Hatfield South

Agent Mr E Anpitan

from

Call-In/Objection Councillor Paul Zukowskyj, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Reason for

Committee Decision

12/11/2017

The current cafe is, I believe, washed over by the green belt. I'm uncertain whether a change in use such as that proposed would be considered inappropriate development in the green belt, for example.

The change from (I assume) current use classification A3 to D1 is also a significant change. Is, for example, the proposed use of the current car park envisaged to significantly change?

There is also a safety issue in that the road adjacent to the cafe is 40mph not 30mph and the step down from national speed limit is very close indeed, will the entrance be appropriate for the proposed use? Are there other safety concerns that residents might express as the proposed use may well see an increase in use of the entrance?

There are a number of potentially sensitive planning issues that I think need to be properly considered and I feel residents would likely want to see that those concerns had been considered in a public forum.

07/11/2017

Since this proposal includes a pretty profound change in use, I'd like to call it in for DMC to determine.

Depending on the specifics of the proposal I may support or object, however I still think the DMC should determine this application.

Case Officer Ms Louise Sahlke

| | 6/2017/2481/HOUSE |
|-----------|---|
| Address | 1 Russellcroft Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 6QN |
| Proposal | Erection of part single, part double storey rear extension, installation of 3x roof lights, alterations to openings, raising of roof height and relocation of chimney following demolition of existing conservatory |
| Applicant | Mr G Scannell |
| Ward | Handside |
| Agent | Mr A Hopkins |

Call-In/Objection Councillor Helen Bromley, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council from

Reason for Committee Decision

This application raises particularly sensitive planning issues

If officers are minded to approve this application I would like this to go to

DMC.

Given the number of bathrooms, 4 en-suite, and 4 bedrooms, from an existing 2 bedroom house, I have serious concerns that this is not going to

remain a house, for one couple.

As this is part of one building, semi-detached to two other dwellings, I have concerns that the impact on other residents will be negative, with regards to

parking, noise and garden use.

Case Officer Ms Louise Sahlke