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PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2024



## PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE 13 March 2024 ADDITIONAL PAGES (Published 08.03.2024)

### AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Agenda No:	Ref No:	Content:
8	22/02749/REM	Additional Consultation:
	(Employment Land East of Spratsgate Lane Cirencester)	The Applicants submitted revised application proposals on the 22nd of November 2023. The proposed amount of floor space was reduced from 10,042 square metres (sqm) to 9,128 sqm. Further information was submitted on the 15th of December 2023, on the 9th, 10th and 29th of January, and on the 9th of February 2024.
		On the 28th of November 2023, the Council sent consultation letters to those local residents consulted on the original application proposals, and to those who had made representations in relation to the same. Due to what appears to be a one-off IT system failure, the Council's Uniform case management software did not generate all of the necessary letters. This became apparent when officers were compiling the list of invitations to speak at the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting.
		The Council has therefore undertaken an additional consultation exercise, to ensure that no local residents are deprived of the opportunity to make representations on the application as amended. The additional consultation exercise will expire on Friday the 22nd of March.
		The case officer's recommendation has been drafted to reflect the fact that the consultation exercise will expire after the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting. Officers recommend that the Planning and Licensing Committee resolves to delegate authority to the Interim Head of Planning Services to determine the application, subject to a number of provisos, once the consultation period has expired. The recommendation makes it clear that any further responses received before the expiry of consultation will be given careful consideration before a decision on the application is made.
		Since the case officer's report was drafted, two further letters of objection have been received from local residents who make the following points.

- The Steadings development has caused untold damage to local roads, specifically Somerford Road, Wilkinson Road and Spratsgate Lane.
- These proposals will add to the problem and increase the number of sub-contractors' vehicles parked on Wilkinson Road, which cause traffic delays and blind spots.
- CDC wants to champion more environmentally friendly ways of getting around, but the use of bicycles as an alternative is currently impossible.
- Until the local road surfaces are vastly improved, I object to this development.
- The reduction in working hours is welcomed. However, working on Bank Holidays is not precluded. This must be included in the conditions.
- We note that the deadline for consultation is after the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting.

Any further representations made before the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting will be reported in Additional Pages. As confirmed above and in the case officer's recommendation, all representations will be given careful consideration before a decision is made on the application.

# PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE 13 March 2024 ADDITIONAL PAGES UPDATE (Published 12.03.2024)

## AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

	ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Page 3 - 5				
Agenda No:	Ref No:	Content:			
(Land and Properties at Berkeley Close South Cerney)	23/02101/FUL	Updates to Case Officer Report:			
	Page 59: Amendment to recommendation:				
		PERMIT SUBJECT TO THE COMPLETION OF A S. 106 UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING TO CONTROL THE FUTURE OCCUPANCY OF THE DWELLINGS AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE PROVISION OF A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS LIBRARY FACILITIES			
		Page 60 – 4. Planning History			
		Additional Planning History			
		CT.4208: Erection of new 2 F.E. Infants and Junior School. Construction of vehicular access. Mains services available. Granted 1970			
		CT.4208/A: Erection of Phase I of New 2 F.E. Infants and Junior School. Granted 1970			
		CT.4208/B: Construction of access road to new school site and erection of twenty one garages. Mains services available. Granted 1970			
		CT/4208/C: Erection of 5 terrapin classrooms and service buildings. Mains services available. Granted 1970			
		CT.4208/D: Erection of a swimming pool surrounded by 6' 0" high interwoven fencing. Granted 1970			
		CT.4208/E: Erection of Phase II school building to provide kitchen, dining hall, 3 classrooms and lavatories. Granted 1970			

#### Page 60 - 6. Observations of Consultees:

#### **Additional Consultee Response:**

GCC Community Infrastructure: Financial Contribution required towards Library provision.

#### Officer's Assessment:

The County Council have provided comments requiring a financial contribution towards Library facilities of £5,488, based upon the additional 28 dwellings.

#### Page 64: Officer's Assessment

#### (a) Principle of Residential Development and Affordable Housing

The applicant's agent has advised that paragraph 10.10 of the report is inaccurate in respect of the tenure of the properties, such that 25 social rented units will be secured under the Unilateral Undertaking.

The remaining 59 units are split 19 as shared ownership and 40 as social rented.

#### Page 67-68: Officer's Assessment

#### (c) Open Space

With regard to paragraphs 10.31 to 10.34 of the report, which deals with the issues of the loss of Open Space, Members must also consider Policy SC7 of the South Cerney Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2031, which states the following:

- 'I. Any development on the areas of Open Space and allotments listed below, and shown in Appendix G, will be acceptable only if it enhances and protects that use, or offers, as a replacement, a similar facility of equal or better value in terms of recreational value and accessibility and, in the case of allotments, horticultural quality.
- 2. Developments on open spaces should enhance the use of that open space and not introduce noisy or other activities not suited to a residential area. Open spaces and allotments will be expected to be maintained as such, unless equivalent provision is provided that is at least equally acceptable. Any development on these should not significantly adversely impact on residential amenity or the character of the locality.'

The area of open space off Berkeley Close is listed within this Policy.

As stated within the report, the existing open space would be replaced by two areas comprising an informal play area and toddler's play area, that would have a combined area of just under 500 sq. metres.

In respect of the planning balance, whilst the concerns over the loss of the existing open area are acknowledged, there are two alternative and enclosed play areas to be provided, one for toddlers and the other an informal play area. The Open Space Assessment submitted with the application also makes reference to the proximity of the application site to the LEAP (Locally Equipped Area of Play) at Pochard Way, which is stated to be 75m from Berkeley Close.

Alongside the wider social benefits of providing additional affordable housing, including 65 social rented properties, and the provision of a pedestrian crossing near to the junction of Broadway Lane and High Street, are such that your Officers recommend that the proposal should be recommended for planning permission to be granted.

