Item No 02:-

21/00616/FUL

2,3,4,6,7,8 & II
Tally Ho Lane
Guiting Power
Gloucestershire
GL54 5TY

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Installation of external wall insulation to No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, & II Tally Ho Lane, Guiting Power at 2,3,4,6,7,8 & II Tally Ho Lane Guiting Power Gloucestershire GL54 5TY

Full Application 21/00616/FUL	
Applicant:	Bromford Housing
Agent:	SJM Surveyors
Case Officer:	David Ditchett
Ward Member(s):	Councillor Richard Keeling
Committee Date:	9th June 2021
RECOMMENDATION:	PERMIT

Main Issues:

- (a) Adapting to Climate Change
- (b) Design and Impact on Heritage Assets
- (c) Impact on Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- (d) Impact on Residential Amenity
- (e) Other Matters
- (f) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- (g) Planning Balance

Reasons for Referral:

20 objections were received. The Council's Scheme of Delegation states 'for applications where one or more objections have been received the officer will, at least one calendar week before the determination deadline (statutory or extended by agreement), consult the Ward Member prior to determining the application'.

The case officer consulted Councillor Keeling, who provided the following reason for referral: "I stand as one with Councillor Neill in our objection to the applications made by Bromford Housing in Lower Swell and Guiting Power. The principle objections are mirrored in each although the harm both visually and in amenity terms have their own characteristics given the varied settings of the houses in the respective communities that they are set.

The residents (and the non Bromford neighbours) seem not to have been given any consideration in these applications.

For all these and other planning reasons articulated in Councillor Neill's email to you I feel it is essential in the interests of local transparency that these applications be brought to the full planning committee. Further I would like the Review Panel to insist that a sites inspection be made prior to consideration of the applications so that the full impact of the harm to both these locations can be assessed."

I. Site Description:

The application site is Numbers 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 11 Tally Ho Lane, Guiting Power.

Numbers 2, 3 and 4 are mid-terrace, two-storey dwellings with uPVC windows and doors set within Cotswold stone elevations under pitched plain tiled roofs. Numbers 3 and 4 share front and rear gable features, the apex of which forms the boundary between the properties.

Numbers 6 and 11 are single storey end terrace bungalows with uPVC windows and doors set within Cotswold stone elevations under pitched plain tiled roofs. The entrances to these are on the side elevations and each benefit from a front gable feature that projects beyond the principal elevations of the rest of the terraced row by approximately 3.3m.

Numbers 7 and 8 are mid-terrace, two-storey dwellings with uPVC windows and doors set within Cotswold stone elevations under pitched plain tiled roofs.

Numbers 2, 3 and 4 are located on the eastern side of Tally Ho Lane, and form the main approach to Guiting Power from the south.

Numbers 6, 7, 8 and 11 are located on a small cul-de-sac on the western side of Tally Ho Lane. A turning head and a rank of garages are present at the northern end of the cul-de-sac.

Guiting Power Conservation Area is located between 14m to the north at its nearest point, and 51m to the north at its furthest point (the applicable distance varies depending on the dwelling in question).

The nearest listed building is the grade II listed Guiting Manor Nursery School 81m to the north at its nearest point (from 2 Tally Ho Lane).

All of the dwellings are located within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

2. Relevant Planning History:

N/A

3. Planning Policies:

TNPPF The National Planning Policy Framework

INFIO Renewable & Low Carbon Energy Develop't

EN1 Built, Natural & Historic Environment

EN2 Design of Built & Natural Environment

EN4 The Wider Natural & Historic Landscape

EN5 Cotswolds AONB

EN10 HE: Designated Heritage Assets

ENII HE: DHA - Conservation Areas

EN12 HE: Non-designated Heritage Assets

4. Observations of Consultees:

Heritage Team: Views incorporated within the Officer's report.

5. View of Town/Parish Council:

Guiting Power Parish Council: 'We believe it to be out of keeping with the traditional stone build of the cottages and would be an intrusion into the Cotswold village landscape. We also support the concerns of many local residents regarding the proposed render finish to the rear which we also believe would be out of keeping with the surrounding properties'.

6. Other Representations:

20 third party objections received relating to:

- Design and appearance;
- Rear of the houses back on to open space;
- Poor choice of materials;
- Lack of uniformity;
- Not in line with the conditions applied to granted permission at No. 5 (16/01400/FUL);
- Harmful to the AONB;
- Harmful to the Guiting Power Conservation Area;
- Out of keeping;
- Doubts the environmental credentials of the proposal;
- Fire safety; and
- Other options rather than cladding.

One of the submitted objections states that they are objecting to the application in Pear Tree Close Lower Swell, however uses the reference number for this application (21/00616/FUL). This objection is applied to both applications, for completeness.

7. Applicant's Supporting Information:

Cover Letter
Cladding Samples
Render and Cladding Specification Documents

8. Officer's Assessment:

Proposed Development and Background

The application seeks full planning permission for the installation of external wall insulation to No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 11 Tally Ho Lane, Guiting Power.

The principal (north west) elevations of No. 2, 3 and 4 are proposed to be clad with artificial stone cladding to mimic the look of the natural stone. The rear (south west) elevations of No. 2, 3 and 4 are proposed to be rendered. An insulating layer is proposed between the original external elevation and the cladding/render.

The eastern elevations of No. 6, 7, 8, & II, the northern elevation of No. 6 and the southern elevation of No. II are proposed to be clad with artificial stone slips to mimic the look of the natural stone. The western elevations of No. 6, 7, 8, & II, the southern elevation of No. 6 and the northern elevation of No. II are proposed to be rendered. An insulating layer is proposed between the original external elevation and the cladding/render.

Planning permission is required as the site is located within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), also known as Article 2(3) land. Paragraph A.2(a) of Schedule 2, Part I, Class A of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) restricts permitted development rights for the 'cladding of any part of the exterior of the dwellinghouse with stone, artificial stone, pebble dash, render, timber, plastic or tiles' on Article 2(3) land. As such, planning permission is required for the proposed development.

(a) Adapting to Climate Change

Local Plan Policy INF10: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Development states that 'proposals for the generation of energy from renewable or low carbon sources will be permitted, provided it is demonstrated that:

- a. any adverse impacts individually and/or cumulatively, including; visual amenity; landscape character; heritage assets; biodiversity; water quality and flood risk; highways; residential amenity, including shadow flicker, air quality and noise, are or can be satisfactorily mitigated;
- b. it is of an appropriate type, scale, and design for the location and setting;
- c. it is compatible with surrounding land uses, such as military activities; and
- d. it avoids using the best and most versatile agricultural land unless justified by compelling evidence.

With regard to national guidance, Paragraph 148 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2019) states that the 'planning system should support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including the conversion of existing buildings; and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure.

Paragraph 154 of the NPPF states that 'when determining planning applications for renewable and low carbon development, local planning authorities should:

- a) not require applicants to demonstrate the overall need for renewable or low carbon energy, and recognise that even small-scale projects provide a valuable contribution to cutting greenhouse gas emissions; and
- b) approve the application if its impacts are (or can be made) acceptable'.

A material consideration for this application is that in July 2019 Cotswold District Council declared a climate emergency and drafted a Climate Strategy for the period 2020-2030. The Council has committed to 'embedding climate emergency considerations in all work areas, decision-making processes, policies and strategies'.

While planning permission is required in this instance, page 32 of the Permitted development rights for householders Technical Guidance states 'the installation of solid wall insulation constitutes an improvement rather than an enlargement or alteration to the house'. Government guidance clearly considers that external wall insulation is an 'improvement' and therefore is exempt from planning permission in most instances. The Government therefore sees such works as something that people should ordinarily be able to do to their properties without the need for permission.

The application is for the installation of external wall insulation to No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 11 Tally Ho Lane, Guiting Power. These properties are owned by Bromford Housing, a social housing provider. The submitted information states that the dwellings are 'of solid wall construction and are found to be thermally insufficient.' Officers have no evidence to the contrary. Furthermore, the submitted information demonstrates that the use of the external wall insulation 'systems can be designed to achieve U-values which satisfy or exceed current UK Building Regulation requirements.'

The proposed development therefore will improve the energy efficiency of the building by reducing heat loss. This would make a reduction to the carbon usage of the buildings, reduce the heating cost to the occupiers of the buildings, and will have modest wider impact towards the Council's aim of reducing carbon reliance in the District. It is evident therefore that existing national and local policy and guidance is supportive, in principle, of the proposed development.

(b) Design and Impact on Heritage Assets

The development may affect the setting of the Guiting Power Conservation Area. The Local Planning Authority is statutorily obliged to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the setting, character and appearance of the area, in accordance with Section 72(I) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Cotswold District Local Plan Policy EN10 'Historic Environment: Designated Heritage Assets' states that in considering proposals that affect a designated heritage asset or its setting, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation. Development proposals that sustain and enhance the character, appearance and significance of designated heritage assets (and their settings), and that put them to viable uses, consistent with their conservation, will be permitted. Proposals that lead to harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset or its setting will not be permitted, unless clear and convincing justification of public benefit can be demonstrated to outweigh that harm.

Local Plan Policy ENTI 'Historic Environment: Designated Heritage Assets - Conservation Areas' states that development proposals that would affect Conservation Areas and their settings, will be permitted provided they will preserve and where appropriate enhance the special character and appearance of the Conservation Area in terms of siting, scale, form, proportion, design, materials and the retention of positive features.

Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that in determining applications, local planning authorities should take account of the desirability of sustaining or enhancing the significance of heritage assets. In particular, paragraph 193 states that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset - such as a Listed Building, or Conservation Area - great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). Any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alteration or destruction, or from development within its setting), should require clear and convincing justification (paragraph 194). Paragraph 196 states that where a development proposal will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal, where appropriate, securing its optimal viable use.

Local Plan Policy EN2 'Design of the Built and Natural Environment' states that development will be permitted which accords with the Cotswold Design Code (Appendix D). In particular,

proposals should be of a design quality that respects the character and distinctive appearance of the locality.

Section 12 of the NPPF also seeks to achieve well-designed places, and considers good design to be a key aspect of sustainable development.

The dwellings in Tally Ho Lane are typical examples of post war construction. Historical maps show the dwellings being constructed post 1940. In that regard, they are of limited historic interest. They are constructed from natural stonework elevations under plain tiled roofs, and most appear to have uPVC windows and doors fitted. Owing to their age and construction therefore, they are not considered to meet the criteria for non-designated heritage assets as set out in Local Plan Policy EN12. In addition, they are not within the Guiting Power Conservation Area, nor are they listed in their own right. While that is the case, the terraced row on the eastern side of Tally Ho Lane, and to a lesser extent (owing to its cul-de-sac location) the dwellings on the western side of Tally Ho Lane do contribute to the character and appearance of the area owing to the use of natural stone work elevations, and their uniformity throughout the terraces.

In terms of the wider area, with the exception of 'Hillside View' which 1960-1980 OS maps show to be a police station, all of the dwellings in this location appear to be have been constructed at the same time post 1940. With that in mind, the immediate area is considered to be relatively modern, as only the dwellings to the north of Guiting Manor Nursery School are present on 1891-1812 OS maps. This is reflected by the Guiting Power Conservation Area boundary, as all of the dwellings proposed to be altered are outside of the Guiting Power Conservation Area. When taking this into consideration, No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 11 Tally Ho Lane are less sensitive to change.

It is proposed to clad and render the elevations of the dwellings as set out above. The cladding is proposed mimic the look of the natural stone. An insulating layer is proposed between the cladding/render and the original external elevation. The resultant external elevations will be approximately 9cm deeper than the adjoining dwellings.

Artificial stone cladding

As the average distance between the cladding and the roadside is just 15m, the use of artificial stone covering the principal elevations of the dwellings would be apparent from Tally Ho Lane (highway and cul-de-sac). This change would be highlighted as three of the six dwellings in the terraced row on the eastern side of Tally Ho Lane, and four of the six dwellings in the terraced row on the western cul-de-sac of Tally Ho Lane would be altered. This would lead to a mix of cladded and natural stone elevations, which would likely draw the eye.

It is possible to secure the exact colour and texture of the stone cladding and mortar prior to the development beginning. However, while the cladding could be close in colour and texture to the existing stone and mortar, it is unlikely to match. Further, the naked eye is likely to notice that the cladding is artificial. In that regard, the use of artificial cladding on the elevations is likely to be noticeable from the public vantage points in the immediate area.

The cladding is unlikely to be perceived in great detail from within the Guiting Power Conservation Area itself however, as the nearest public vantage point within the conservation area is on Tally Ho Lane itself, some 60m to the north of No. 2 Tally Ho Lane. While that is the case, the row on the eastern side of Tally Ho Lane in particular, and to a lesser extent (owing to the cul-de-sac location) the row on the western side of Tally Ho Lane form the main southern

approach to the Guiting Power Conservation Area. As such, the proposed changes would impact how the conservation area is perceived on this approach. It is considered therefore that the artificiality, the altered depth, and the break in the uniformity of the terraced rows would result in some harm to the setting of the conservation area. This harm is considered to be less than substantial, but at the lower end of less than substantial. Modest harm is also attributed to the use of cladding for the dwellings themselves, and the character and appearance of the immediate area (outside of the conservation area).

Render

Views of the rendered south east elevations of No. 2, 3 and 4 will be possible from the playing field to the rear (south east) and glimpses of the render on the southern elevation of No. 6 would be possible from sections of Tally Ho Lane. Public views of the rear elevations of 6, 7, 8, & II and the northern elevation of No. II are unlikely as these face into agricultural fields to the west and the garden of The Old Vicarage to the north. When considering the separation distances involved, detailed views of the render from within the Guiting Power Conservation Area are unlikely.

While the render could be viewed from various public vantage points within the area, it can appear more natural than artificial cladding. Indeed, render often appears throughout the District in conjunction with natural stonework. Furthermore, it is possible to add a condition to secure the exact colour, finish and texture of the render prior to the development beginning. As such, a muted colour, roughcast texture and traditional finish is possible. While officers are mindful that render is not common throughout this area of Guiting Power, for the reasons set out, the use of render, even on parts of the terraced rows, is not considered to be harmful to the host dwellings, the character and appearance of the area, or the setting of the conservation area.

Conclusion

Owing to the 81m separation distance between the nearest dwelling (No. 2) and nearest listed building, the grade II listed Guiting Manor Nursery School to the north, it is considered that the works will not harm the setting of the listed building.

The use of artificial stone cladding on the elevations of No. 2, 3, 4, and to a lesser extent, No. 6, 7, 8, & I I Tally Ho Lane is found to be harmful to the setting of the Guiting Power Conservation Area and this harm is identified as being 'less than substantial', albeit at the lower end of 'less than substantial'. As such, Paragraph 196 of the NPPF directs decision-makers to weigh that harm against the public benefits of the proposal, including, where appropriate, securing its optimum viable use. The works are to improve the energy efficiency of the buildings. The proposed development therefore will result in a reduction to the carbon usage of the buildings, reduce the heating cost to the occupiers of the buildings, and will have a modest wider impact towards the Council's aim of reducing carbon reliance in the District. In addition, some minor economic benefits will arise during the construction phase; however, these are minor and short term. In light of the declared climate emergency, officers are satisfied, on balance, that the public benefits of the scheme outweigh the less than substantial harm to the setting of the Guiting Power Conservation Area.

In light of the balancing exercise as directed by Paragraph 196 of the NPPF, officers are satisfied that the works are in accordance with Sections 66(1) and 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. The significance of the designated heritage assets will be sustained, in accordance with Section 16 of the NPPF and Policies EN10 and EN11 of the Local Plan.

However, modest harm is found to the character and appearance of the area (outside of the conservation area), and to the dwellings themselves. The proposal therefore broadly accords with Local Plan Policy EN2 of the Local Plan and the provisions of the NPPF which seeks to achieve well-designed places.

(c) Impact on the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

The site is located within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (CROW) Act 2000 states that relevant authorities have a statutory duty to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB.

Local Plan Policy EN4 (the Wider Natural and Historic Landscape) states that development will be permitted where it does not have a significant detrimental impact on the natural and historic landscape (including the tranquillity of the countryside) and that proposals will take account of landscape and historic landscape character, visual quality and local distinctiveness. They will be expected to enhance, restore and better manage the natural and historic landscape, and any significant landscape features and elements, including key views, the setting of settlements, settlement patterns and heritage assets.

Local Plan Policy EN5 'Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' states that in determining development proposals within the AONB, or its setting, the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the landscape, its character and special qualities will be given great weight.

The works proposed are limited to cladding and render only, with a nominal increase in built form proposed. Furthermore, the site is located within a reasonably built up area, and the development is contained within the residential curtilage of each property with no encroachment into open countryside. As such, the development is not considered harmful to the character or appearance of the Cotswolds AONB.

(d) Impact on Residential Amenity

Local Plan Policy EN2 (Design Code) states that development should respect the amenity of dwellings, giving due consideration to issues of garden space, privacy, daylight and overbearing effect. Similarly, paragraph 127 of the NPPF also states that planning decisions should ensure that developments create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users.

The submitted information states the render and cladding will increase the wall thickness of the dwellings by approximately 9cm. This modest increase in built form, which is restricted to cladding and render only, will not detrimentally impinge on the residential amenities of the area in regards loss of privacy, or loss of light, overbearing or overshadowing impacts, noise, pollution (including light), odours or vibration. In addition sufficient private external amenity space is retained at the property.

(e) Other Matters

Concerns were raised regarding the fire safety performance of the materials. Information was submitted which demonstrates that the cladding and render 'contains flame retardant additives which significantly reduce the ignitability of the material, and the system also includes vertical fire barriers in non-combustible (Euroclass AI to BS EN 13501-I) mineral fibre insulation of minimum 100 mm width and the same depth/thickness as the EPSPremium insulation, which are incorporated into the EWI system at the front and rear party wall lines: This arrangement

satisfies the requirement to resist potential fire spread laterally, from one dwelling to the adjoining dwelling'. Officers are satisfied, based on the information supplied, that the proposed materials would not increase the risk of fires at the development sites, or for the adjoining properties.

Several comments were received stating that the proposed development is not in line with the conditions applied to granted permission at No. 5 (16/01400/FUL). This permission required the extension to be constructed from natural stone to match the host dwelling. Officers note this, however each application must be considered on its own merits, and is assessed against the relevant prevailing policies and guidance of the time. Those prevailing policies and guidance have changed, and a climate emergency declared since the granting of the permission at No. 5 (16/01400/FUL).

Comments were received noting that other options may be more suitable to achieve the desired energy efficiency improvements. It may be the case that there are other more suitable options than what is proposed. However, the Council has a statutory duty to assess the application it has before it.

(f) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

This development is not liable for CIL because it is:

Less than 100m2 of new build that does not result in the creation of a dwelling, and therefore benefits from Minor Development Exemption under CIL Regulation 42.

(g) Planning Balance

The less than substantial harm identified to the setting of the Guiting Power Conservation Area is considered to be outweighed by the public benefits of the scheme as outlined in this report. In addition, whilst harm has been identified to the character and appearance of the immediate locality, and to the dwellings being altered by virtue of the cladding being used, this harm is considered to be modest. No harm is considered to result from the proposed use of render.

The proposed works are designed to improve the energy efficiency of the buildings. The proposed development, therefore, will result in a reduction in the carbon usage of the buildings, reduce the heating cost to the occupiers of the buildings, and will have a modest wider impact towards the Council's aim of reducing carbon reliance in the District. As such, it is recommended that permission be granted.

9. Conclusion:

The recommendation to grant permission has been taken having regard to the policies and proposals in the development plan set out above, and to all the relevant material considerations set out in the report.

10. Proposed conditions:

1. The development shall be started by 3 years from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be implemented in strict accordance with the following approved plans: A1.3; A1.2 and A1.5.

Reason: For purposes of clarity and for the avoidance of doubt, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. Prior to the commencement of development, a sample panel of cladding of at least one metre square in size showing the proposed colour, coursing, bonding, treatment of corners, method of pointing and mix and colour of mortar shall be erected on the site and subsequently approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the walls shall be constructed only in the same way as the approved panel and shall be permanently retained as such thereafter. The panel shall be retained on site until the completion of the development.

Reason: In light of the above details not being submitted at determination stage for consideration and approval, this condition, which is agreed with the applicant, is necessary in order to ensure that the works serve to preserve the setting of the Guiting Power Conservation Area, and the character and appearance of the dwellings being altered and the area in accordance with Policies ENI, EN2, ENIO and ENII of the Local Plan and Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Prior to the commencement of development, a sample panel of render of at least one metre square in size showing its proposed texture, finish and colour shall be erected on the site and subsequently approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The rendering shall be constructed only in the same way as the approved panel and shall be permanently retained as such thereafter. The panel shall be retained on site until the completion of the development.

Reason: In light of the above details not being submitted at determination stage for consideration and approval, this condition, which is agreed with the applicant, is necessary in order to ensure that the works serve to preserve the setting of the Guiting Power Conservation Area, and the character and appearance of the dwellings being altered and the area in accordance with Policies ENI, EN2, ENIO and ENII of the Local Plan and Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. No bargeboards or eaves fascias shall be used in the proposed development.

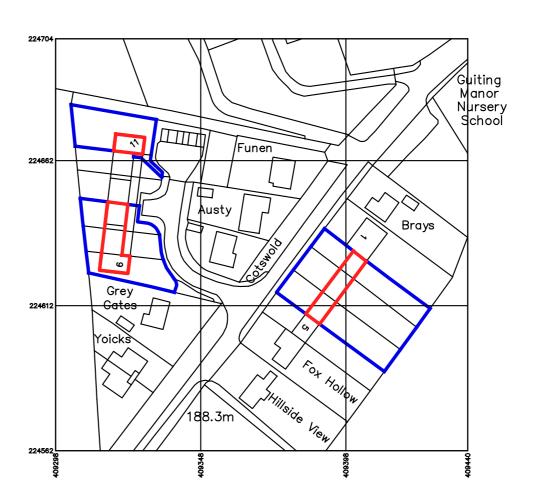
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Informatives:

I. Please note that the proposed development is not liable for a charge under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) because it is:

Less than 100m2 of new build that does not result in the creation of a dwelling, and therefore benefits from Minor Development Exemption under CIL Regulation 42.











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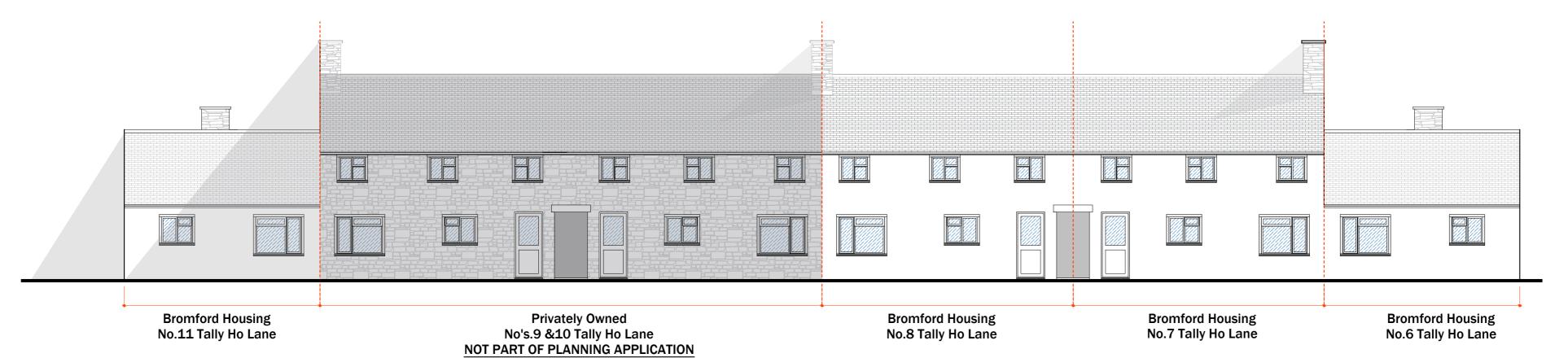
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22nd January 2021

Dear Sirs,

Ref: No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 11, Tally Ho Lane, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 5TY

On behalf of our client, Bromford Housing, we seek full planning permission for the installation of External Wall Insulation to eight properties located at Tally Ho Lane, Guiting Power (No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 11).

These properties are of solid wall construction and are found to be thermally insufficient. As part of 'The Domestic Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES) Regulations 2018', my client, a social housing provider, seeks to substantially upgrade the thermal efficiency of these properties by installing external wall insulation to each exterior elevation. These works will not only have a positive impact on the individual properties but will also help reduce fuel poverty.

The EWI system proposed to be installed is a low-profile system. It will project nominally forward approximately 90mm from the original wall face. This will, therefore reduce the visual impact of the properties. The proposed external wall finish has been carefully considered by our client to satisfy Policy CE3 by minimising the original stone appearance on the front elevations. A stone colour rendering will then be applied to the remaining elevations, where they are not exposed and visible from the street.

External wall insulation is installed by adding a weatherproof insulating layer to the outside of the wall. The proposed system has a protective weatherproof render with stone slips applied to the external face. As part of the submitted documentation, my client has provided a photographic record of a similar scheme previously undertaken.

This group of properties are located outside of the Guiting Power Conservation Area and are not individually listed. Additionally, they are not registered as buildings of significant historical interest. As these buildings are located within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the proposed works are considered under the provision of Article 2(3)a

… it would consist of or include the cladding of any part of the exterior of the dwellinghouse with stone, artificial stone, pebble dash, render, timber, plastic or tiles would require planning permission."

We have inspected the adopted 'Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2018-2023' as well as the National Planning Policy Framework. Based on our findings, it is our opinion that this scheme satisfies various identified local and national planning policies. Further Government documents have also been cited.









In the Heath and Energy Saving Strategy, the government has set out a long-term vision for the continuous delivery of carbon savings within the domestic sector using some form of obligations. Energy efficiency is one of the most cost-effective ways of achieving desired reductions in carbon emissions. Reducing energy consumption can also improve productivity and contribute to improved security of supply.

In our opinion, our client will have satisfied NPPF 14; Para.148 and Policy CC7: Climate Change - Mitigation 1 by minimising the vulnerability of occupants by reducing fuel poverty. This will be achieved by retrofitting the existing building stock with external wall insulation.

NPPF 14; Para.148

The planning system should support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including the conversion of existing buildings; and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure.

Policy CC7: Climate Change - Mitigation 1.

"Greenhouse gas emissions should be reduced through a range of measures, including:

- improving energy efficiency, including ... retrofitting existing buildings; "

The principle of installing external installation on the façade of these properties has been considered carefully by our client to ensure that it achieves compliance with Policy CE3. The additional cost implication of installing stone slips to those identified elevations in the application has ensured that the properties remain visually in keeping with the local characteristics. In undertaking the installation of EWI we consider the appropriateness of this design and the practical requirement for the building's continued sustainability have been appropriately considered. The proposal is not considered a significant material change.

Policy CE3: Local Distinctiveness

- 1. Proposals that are likely to impact on the local distinctiveness of the Cotswolds AONB should have regard to, be compatible with and reinforce this local distinctiveness. This should include:
 - being compatible with the Cotswolds Conservation Board's Landscape Character Assessment, Landscape Strategy and Guidelines and Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change;
 - being designed and, where relevant, landscaped to respect local settlement patterns, building styles, scale and materials;
 - using an appropriate colour of limestone to reflect local distinctiveness.
- 2. Innovative designs which are informed by local distinctiveness, character and scale should be welcomed.