

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

Monday 22nd June 2020

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on the planning application for Hornbeam Court, Netherfield.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee considers a response to Milton Keynes Council regarding the application.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Background:

The Hornbeam Court proposal has been under discussion for a number of months, being led by Places for People (PFP).

At an early stage, there was some confusion and some misinformation within the local press regarding the situation with the development which PFP were unhappy and they worked hard to try and resolve and manage the situation. This included invites to all residents of the scheme to explain the options, involvement of us and ward councillors with discussions and an engagement programme that enabled feedback and responses.

All residents that were living within Hornbeam Court are no longer there, having been provided with alternative accommodation.

Proposal:

The proposal is that the current block is extended slightly, increasing floor space within a number of properties, adding a further three units in total (from 43 to 46), with all properties are refurbished (kitchens, bathrooms, etc.), there is some additional parking provision and cycle storage and improvements to the shared space (e.g. a community garden with table tennis and improvements to the lobby areas). There will also be balconies / patio doors for many flats.

The properties will include:

- 39 x 1 bedroom apartments (various sizes from small (31m²) to large (54 m²))
- 7 x 2 bedroom apartments (varying between 48 – 76 m²)

The changes will not substantially alter the footprint of the building and will not extend the parcel of land it sits within. It will provide improved conditions and potentially improved landscaping surrounding the building.

The properties will all be 'market rent' – not subsidised, not secure, but likely to be more effectively managed and supported, given the landlord.

There are not material considerations that the Council Manager can see that would be applicable for this proposal. The applicant has worked hard to engage and keep local people up to date in the proposal and it would appear to be a well considered, well designed scheme that can meet local needs, especially give proximity to the hospital.

The Council Manager has received no responses from Netherfield Councillors or Residents Association with regard to this application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No direct implications, but three additional units means potentially three additional council tax payers.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

All submissions from applicant (available on MKC website and WCC Sharepoint).

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on planning application for use of modular buildings on hospital site.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee agrees to a written submission offering no opposition to the application.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

This application is to extend planning permission for 'modular buildings' (portacabins) which are being used within the hospital to provide ward space (20 beds), plus facilities, nurses station, etc.

This has been in place for some time and the application is to extend use for a further two years.

The Council Manager sees no reason to object to this and recommends a letter to planning stating this.

There have been no responses from any Eaglestone councillor or Residents Association regarding this application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

All application papers available online at MKC Website or via WCC Sharepoint.

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on application for a two storey extension within a residential property on Eaglestone.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee note the report.
2. That the committee agrees a response to MKC Planning regarding the application.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The application is to extend a property to 'attach' the existing house to the existing garage, creating a new dwelling and extending upwards to form a two storey property.



This a private dwelling, does not extend beyond the property boundary and appears in keeping with the design across that part of the estate.

The Council Manager sees no material considerations relevant to any objection.

The Council Manager has received no comments from any Eaglestone Councillor or the Residents Association, other than one comment suggesting that this committee should not involve itself in private dwelling applications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

An additional dwelling, if separate (not sure this one is – appears to have a connecting door) would mean an additional council taxpayer. This extension may move the property into a higher council tax band.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None directly, but the comment regarding the committee involvement in private dwelling applications may mean a policy decision should be made regarding this.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Planning application and associated documents – available on MKC Planning website.

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on previous applications and potential issues arising.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the Council Manager updates the committee as and when actions are taken.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Whilst this committee is new this council year, previous planning applications were dealt with (where applicable) by Full Council. Additionally, the outcome of applications discussed previously by this committee should be reported back, alongside any other issues that fall under the committee remit. This paper provides an overview of current issues.

- 5G mast on Peartree Bridge. No news has been received about this, despite a date of 2nd June for a decision. This may be due to referral to the MKC Development Control Committee – the Council Manager is currently awaiting news. It is essential that the council is represented at that committee if / when it is called.
- Bridge Academy. No news received – date for confirmation is not until August.
- From previous Full Council – flats to the rear of the shops on Netherfield. This was objected to by WCC and was refused by MKC planning. The applicant has now appealed to the Secretary of State for permission to demolish existing and build flats. It is understood that there may have been demolition work undertaken already – this was reported to MKC Planning, but with no response from them at the time. This appeal is now progressing, and we await the outcome.

At time of writing, there was a paper going to Full Council regarding the state of the flats on Harrier Court in Eaglestone, with a recommendation that this committee take on the monitoring and management of this situation. Whilst unclear as to the outcome of that discussion at time of writing, on the assumption that this was agreed please note the minutes from Full Council on 15th June 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None noted. The flats on Netherfield may, if appeal is successful, provide additional council tax income.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

See previous minutes and papers.

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