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Dear Caroline

Thank you for consulting the Design and Conservation Team on the additional information in the form of a Heritage Statement for the above application.

I previously raised two issues in relation to the proposed development.

- The impact on the settlement pattern of Adderbury.

The Heritage Statement claims 'Instead of appearing as a non-traditional extension to the linear form of the historic core of the eastern side of the village, the green space dividing the proposed development from the Conservation Area will clearly define the boundary between the two areas. The new development will stand alone in the landscape, clearly separate from the historic core of the Conservation Area. The location of the proposed development will not affect any positive vistas into or out of the Conservation Area'

The development does indeed 'stand alone in the landscape' and is as such a non-traditional extension to the settlement. The additional information provided in the form of an indicative layout confirms this. The proposed layout is very suburban in form and does not follow any historic, traditional or local parameters.

It is appreciated that the development is located at some distance from the conservation area and will not really impact on its setting, but it remains a poorly considered urban extension which does not integrate well with the remainder of the settlement.

- Impact on the setting of the listed building

The Heritage Statement describes the view of the church spire as 'incidental' and identifies that it is not one of the key views outlined in the conservation area appraisal. However as Historic England point out in their response the church spire was designed to be seen from significant distances in the landscape to reinforce the social and community significance of the religious building.

The illustrative layout shows view lines leading through to the church, however due to the suburban nature of the layout of the site these views appear incidental rather than funnelled. There is little sense of the significance of the church that is usually seen in more traditional and historical settlement layouts.

Regards

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