

For the attention of Sarah Greenhall

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The Bothy, Brashfield House – planning application 19/0127/F

After 60 years of history, the estate was requisitioned by the MOD. After 40 years of use by the RAF and Military it was returned, on the proviso that the Estate should be preserved. The Mansion House and grounds were divided into five freehold properties for the development of five single family residences – Brashfield House, the Lodge, the Out houses, Coach House and the Stables. The outward appearance of the buildings was not to change and there should be no new buildings. The House and Lodge were listed later and the Estate was confirmed a conservation area by Cherwell DC.

Your Historic Register of Planning from 1995 to date stated that there had been no planning approvals for the Bothy (stables) during that period. Since nearly half of the new building on the current application is already built, I can only wonder how it got there. The section of the Victorian walled kitchen garden included in the Bothy freehold will be completely buried under forecourt gravel and paving stone to facilitate the car ports and access passage for motor vehicles.

The freeholders are the custodians and managers of the communal land area and are required to hold the same for the benefit of all the freeholders. They manage and administer the plant and equipment used for the water supply and drainage systems. Maintain the woodland, the gardens and the driveway adjacent thereto. The proposed new property has no direct connection to the water and drainage systems and I doubt that they could cater for a 20% increase in demand.

I trust that the Cherwell D C will wish to preserve the Estate as it is and should be, and will not approve the building development requested

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