

Rachel Tibbetts

From: Ria Betteridge [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2021 13:04
To: Planning
Subject: Re: Application reference 20/03467/F - Notification of concerns

Hello,
Yes. sorry.

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Deddington
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Best Wishes,
Ria

From: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 January 2021 12:52
To: Ria Betteridge [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Application reference 20/03467/F - Notification of concerns

Good Afternoon,
Please could you supply your full postal address so that we can register your comments against the application.
Thank you

Regards

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From: Ria Betteridge [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2021 11:04
To: DC Support <DC.Support@cherwell-dc.gov.uk>
Subject: Application reference 20/03467/F - Notification of concerns

Good Morning,

I am writing today to outline my concerns related to application 20/03467/F in Deddington.

I understand a planning application has been submitted for the building of age restricted dwellings for older people, on the western part of the field called 'The Poplars' between Clifton Road and the Castle Grounds. These dwellings would be single storey.

The Poplars is one of the open green spaces designated within the Conservation Area. It lies immediately below the tree-lined embankment marking the northern ramparts of the Norman Deddington Castle, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Despite holding out the prospect of custom-built housing for older people (although purchasers may not have a Deddington connection), the proposed location is unfortunate and threatens to imperil the heritage of nearly 1,000 years by urban encroachment. The proposed application takes up only 1/3 of the available space and no indications have been received as to how the remaining 2/3 of will be used by the developer. I fear that this will set an unacceptable precedent which will result in the overdevelopment of open green space within the village. The siting of a development in this area also seems an odd place for housing for the older generation, as it is a significant distance from the centre of the village and the community facilities to the west of the village, such as the Windmill Centre. Clifton Road is not served by public transport and Earls Lane is a poor walking route to the Health Centre, with no public footpath. The proposals would lead to more car journeys and extra pressure on parking in the already stretched village centre.

There are the added issues of road safety, such as excessive speeding along Clifton Road, and lack of an identified safe crossing point, especially for older people, where Castle Street becomes Clifton Road after the 'blind' bend (at the junction with Earls Lane).

Further, the area abuts Deddington Castle Grounds, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, within a Conservation Area (so designated "specifically to ensure that these spaces are preserved").

My understanding is that Deddington has already contributed to the District's housing needs through the 85 house development at Deddington Grange (including 30 'affordable' homes) and permission has also been granted for 21 houses on the Hempton Road and 15 houses south of Clifton Road, with a further application for 14 more houses in Hempton Road.

This application, due to its siting in such a historic setting is therefore inappropriate and unnecessary.

Kind Regards,
Victoria Betteridge
Deddington



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