Comment for planning application 21/01505/F

Application Number 21/01505/F

Location Stone Hill House Stone Hill Bloxham Banbury OX15 4PT

Proposal Extension of existing boarding house through the reinstatement of part of the existing ruined coach house, the demolition of outbuildings, the erection of an extension and link structure (with associated alterations to Stone Hill House), insertion of internal wall, and associated

works

Case Officer Wayne Campbell

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Type of Comment

Comments

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Objection

Type neighbour

> I have read the Heritage Addendum for Stone Hill House posted on 26/08/21. Whilst I recognise that there have been positive changes to the proposed development I still fundamentally believe that this is not a suitable site on which to build extra accommodation for Bloxham School Boarders and therefore still object to this application The new proposal still does not comply with the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan in terms of conservation (BL10). The new build element of the proposal will still be built in materials that are not in keeping with the conservation area and will harm the setting of the listed buildings that surround it. Whilst the heritage addendum has tried to make the new build more subservient to Stone Hill House it will still be visible from the top of Stone Hill and still obscure the view of Stone Hill House. The loss of the existing parking area behind Stone Hill House has not been addressed. This is of particular concern given its location in the heart of the village and the fact that the building will increase the number of residents in this area. Admittedly the majority of these new residents will be children but there will be an increased number of staff managing the boarding house and additional maintenance vehicles servicing the building. Where will they park? This will only add pressure to the already limited parking used by people going to the shops and visiting local residents. For this reason the proposal does not comply with BL5 of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan. Stone Hill itself is a narrow lane in an already congested part of the village. How will construction of the building take place without severe impact on residents and pedestrians using Stone Hill. In fact accessing the driveway to Ashwell Cottage will be very difficult with construction works immediately opposite. Stone Hill is a popular walking route through the village and I am particularly concerned about parents walking their young children to and from primary school. Vehicles regularly park on the pavement as it is. What will it be like during construction? I feel that other sites could be considered for additional boarding that would have less impact on the conservation area. I urge the planners to make a site visit during the week in term time so the decision makers can see the site first hand and the difficulties it presents.

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Attachments