Supplementary Planning Information

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 10 July 2018

I am now able to enclose, for consideration by the Development Management Committee on 10 July 2018, the following supplementary planning information that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

9(2) APP/18/00120, APP/18/00121 and APP18/00122 – Hampshire Farm, 1 - 6 Emsworth Proposals:

Application 1 APP/18/00120

Variation of Section 106 Agreement dated 12 May 2011 associated with 10/74014/000, to discharge the obligation to provide community facilities (doctors surgery and pharmacy) on the community facilities land or transfer the land to the Council for Community Use (use falling within use class D1 non-residential institution).

APP/18/00120 Associated Documents - https://tinyurl.com/y8cjfpdn

Application 2 APP/18/00121

Variation of Section 106 Agreement dated 12 May 2011 associated with 10/74014/000, to extend the period to procure that the Community Facilities (doctors surgery and pharmacy) on the community facilities land for a further two years until 1st December 2019.

APP/18/00121 Associated Documents – <u>https://tinyurl.com/y7js74f3</u>

Application 3 APP/18/00122

Variation of Section 106 Agreement dated 12 May 2011 associated with 10/74014/000, to vary the definition of the community facilities from specifically a doctors surgery and pharmacy to any use within Use Class D1 (non-residential institution) and to extend the period to procure the use for a further two years until 1st December 2019.

APP/18/00122 Associated Documents - <u>https://tinyurl.com/y978d7ng</u>

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ADDENDUM

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATE 10th July 2018

Item 9 (2)

Hampshire Farm, Emsworth

Updated 9th July 2018.

<u>Updates</u>

A letter has been received from the Agent (attached) setting out their latest position. It should be noted that this sets out the applicants position that if Application 2 is approved they would wish to withdraw Applications 1 and 2.

Application 2 relates to:

Variation of Section 106 Agreement dated 12 May 2011 associated with 10/74014/000, to extend the period to procure that the Community Facilities (doctors surgery and pharmacy) on the community facilities land for a further two years until 1st December 2019.

6 <u>Community Involvement</u>

Two further third party representations received:

Redland's Grange is not a suitable site for Emsworth Surgery due to it's poor transport links. Redland's Grange would be better suited for a community use.

Theo Schofield does not represent the people of Emsworth; no vote has been taken by the ERA.

Plans for the EVCH site were drawn up but have not been made public.

I would urge HBC to provide a proper enquiry into this issue.

One of the additional representations is from Mrs Farmer who will be making a deputation to Committee setting out her views.

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10th July 2018

David Eaves The Planning Department Havant Borough Council Civic Offices Havant Hampshire PO9 2AX

Dear Mr Eaves

Land at Hampshire Farm, Emsworth

Application 1 (APP/18/00120): Application Under S106A for variation to terms of existing S106 Agreement in order to discharge the obligation to deliver Community Facilities.

Application 2 (APP/18/00121): Application under S106A for variation to terms of existing S106 agreement in order to extend the time period for the delivery of a doctors' surgery and pharmacy by two years.

Application 3 (APP/18/00122): Application Under S106A for variation to terms of existing S106 Agreement in order to broaden the definition of Community Facilities and extend the time period for the delivery of the Community Facilities by two years

I refer to the above applications on behalf of my clients, Bellway Homes and Bloor Homes.

As discussed during our recent telephone conversation, I am writing to urge you to reconsider the recommendation for Application 2 which seeks to secure an extended period of 2 years for the provision of a doctor's surgery on the Hampshire Farm site. The provision of a doctor's surgery on this site continues to be a clear priority for the applicants, Havant Borough Council and the Emsworth Surgery and the approval of an extension of time will enable this much-needed facility to be delivered in a timely manner, in accordance with the requirements of the S106 agreement.

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As you are aware, the original purpose of the S106 agreement was to provide a new doctors surgery and pharmacy on this site, enhancing provision within the Emsworth and Westbourne catchment. The justification for this was that the existing Emsworth Surgery was operating at capacity at the time that the original application was submitted.

This situation has not changed and the provision of a doctor's surgery and pharmacy remains a priority for the applicants, Havant Borough Council and the Emsworth Surgery.

The original agreement was drawn up on the premise, now obviously incorrect, that if the doctors wanted to move to the site, this would be resolved well within a five year period. The clause to transfer the land to Havant Borough Council at nil cost was on the basis that the doctors would have found some alternative site for relocation in the 5 years and, in that scenario, you were likely to want it for an alternative community building, scout hut etc. which had no commercial value and therefore there would be no land cost. My clients were willing to transfer it on that basis.

However, this is not the case and as explained in your committee report, the doctors have belatedly decided that they now do want to move to this site.

Therefore, the delay associated with the provision of a doctor's surgery and pharmacy is through no fault of our clients and is largely to do with the commissioning process and changed priorities. Previously, the preferred location for a new surgery was the Victoria Cottage Hospital site in Emsworth with initial efforts focussed on relocating here. This option was however, abandoned in 2017 due to constraints relating to future expansion and car parking provision. It was concluded that the Victoria Cottage Hospital site suffers from the same constraints as that of the existing surgery and it is only since this time that the Hampshire Farm site has emerged as the preferred option for relocation.

The applicants sought a 2 year extension of time last year but were led by an over optimistic assessment of the NHS delivery process to restrict that to a 6 months extension which has proven, with hindsight, to be insufficient. What is sought, now the doctors are committed to this site, is a realistic period to facilitate the new surgery and ensure funding is coordinated during that timeframe.

The quickest and easiest way of securing a doctor's surgery and pharmacy on this site is to approve Application 2 and to allow a further 2-year extension of time for negotiations with the Emsworth Surgery to be concluded. A purchase price has previously been agreed with the Emsworth Surgery and will provide a

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solution for relocation, allowing the relevant requirements to be met in way that is economically viable for all. The applicants are also willing to exchange on the sale of the land to the doctors for a nominal sum with completion subject to contract and funding. This highlights that the transfer of this land for its intended purpose as a doctor's surgery, and hence the requirement of the S106 can practically be delivered.

My clients are keen to continue their discussions with the Emsworth Surgery so that the funding process can be finalised as it is apparent in correspondence received from Primary Care Surveyors that the necessary steps are already being taken to secure funding for a new doctor's surgery. A refusal of Application 2 will undoubtedly delay the delivery of the surgery.

It is likely that the refusal of these applications would result in planning appeals being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, something which will result in further delays to delivery of the required doctor's surgery. Similarly, seeking to enforce the current S106 will no doubt result in further drawn out and costly legal battles. It is our view that it would be unreasonable for the Council to insist on the land being handed to them for nil consideration when there is a very real prospect of a doctor's surgery being provided. A 2-year extension is considered to be a reasonable period of time to allow the requirements of the original S106 agreement to be delivered.

In light of our recent discussions as regards this latest position you have asked us to again withdraw Application 1 and 3. I am pleased to confirm that my clients have now agreed to withdraw Application 1 and 3 should Application 2 be approved by committee. Please take this letter as formal confirmation of that position would Application 2 be approved.

In light of the above and in particular as a result of the recent change of mind of the doctors to decide that this is their preferred site, I ask you to please reconsider your stance on Application 2. This is the course of action which is most likely to achieve our shared objective of the delivery of a doctor's surgery on the site.

Kind Regards



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