SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee 7 March 2012

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S/0069/12/FL- COMBERTON Extension and Addition of Security Roller Shutters – Comberton Post Office 12 Barton Road, Comberton Recommendation: Delegated Approval/Refusal

Date for Determination: 20 March 2012

A letter of objection has been received from the occupier of Cross Farm, 8 Barton Road, to the west of the application site. It expresses concerns regarding the impact upon the street scene of the roller shutters, which would give an industrial feel in the Conservation Area and Protected Village Amenity Area. It adds that an existing parking space will be lost, and that only 8 cars can park at one time anyway. This would restrict delivery traffic also. There are also concerns about the size increase of the shop. The side extension is also considered to encroach upon barn in the garden of Cross Farm, and could be in danger of damage from delivery trolleys/cages.

Another letter of objection from 1 Barton Road, Comberton has been received. The occupier objects on grounds of the reduction in parking spaces and the impact upon the area.

Comberton Parish Council has retained their recommendation of approval following the submission of amended plans. The shutters are still considered inappropriate within the Conservation Area.

With regard to the location of the shutters, comments from the Conservation team have yet to be received, but Members will be further updated of these.

The comments regarding parking layout is noted. The frontage area should have capacity for 11 vehicles given the information submitted with the previous application. Paragraph 19 of the original report is still therefore considered relevant.

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