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To: Chairman – Councillor Robert Turner
Vice-Chairman – Councillor David Bard
All Members of the Planning Committee - Councillors Val Barrett, Brian Burling,
Lynda Harford, Tumi Hawkins, Sebastian Kindersley, David McCraith,
Charles Nightingale, Deborah Roberts, Neil Scarr, Hazel Smith and Nick Wright

Quorum: 4

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **PLANNING COMMITTEE**, which will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2013 at 10.00 a.m.**

Members are respectfully reminded that when substituting on committees, subcommittees, and outside or joint bodies, Democratic Services must be advised of the substitution *in advance of* the meeting. It is not possible to accept a substitute once the meeting has started. Council Standing Order 4.3 refers.

Yours faithfully
JEAN HUNTER
Chief Executive

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"I propose that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item number(s) in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act."

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Notes

- (1) Some development control matters in this Agenda where the periods of consultation and representation may not have quite expired are reported to Committee to save time in the decision making process. Decisions on these applications will only be made at the end of the consultation periods after taking into account all material representations made within the full consultation period. The final decisions may be delegated to the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities).
- (2) The Council considers every planning application on its merits and in the context of national, regional and local planning policy. As part of the Council's customer service standards, Councillors and officers aim to put customers first, deliver outstanding service and provide easy access to services and information. At all times, we will treat customers with respect and will be polite, patient and honest. The Council is also committed to treat everyone fairly and justly, and to promote equality. This applies to all residents and customers, planning applicants and those people against whom the Council is taking, or proposing to take, planning enforcement action. More details can be found on the Council's website under 'Council and Democracy'.

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

6 March 2013

AUTHOR/S: Planning and New Communities Director

S/2545/12/FL - HARSTON**Erection of detached dwelling following demolition of existing buildings and removal of caravans****at Land r/o 8 Sheepshead Lane for Garden House Homes Limited****Recommendation: Delegated Approval****Date for Determination: 8 February 2013****A. Update to the report****Agenda report paragraph number:** 19 - representations

One additional letter has been received:

"I live at 8 Sheepshead Lane, Harston and have already written in support of this application. I have read the Report of the Case Officer and would like to refer to Para 19 and the letter of objection sent in by other residents of Sheepshead Lane. The Report quotes from this letter: "Planning permission was granted only on the condition that improvements must be made to the opening of the lane onto the High Street. The property has been built but no improvement has been made." (This refers to the house where I now live at 8 Sheepshead Lane)

The quoted statement is incorrect in that no such condition was imposed. In fact the proposed improvements submitted with my Planning Application were specifically excluded from the Conditions as they were not supported by the Local Highway Authority."

Officer Comments: No change to the recommendation.**Contact Officer:** Lorraine Casey – Senior Planning Officer
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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

6 March 2013

AUTHOR/S: Planning and New Communities Director**S/1664/12/FL - ICKLETON****Change of use of annexe to form separate dwelling, modifications to existing access and associated fences, walls, gates, hardstanding and bin and bike stores at 66 Abbey Street for Mrs Barbara Cooper****Recommendation: Delegated Approval****Date for Determination: 20 March 2013****A. Update to the report****Agenda report paragraph number 15 - representations**

The agent has submitted the following statement:

I would like the following points to be taken into account by the committee and use this opportunity to address some of the concerns of the Parish Council.

1) It should be remembered that this is not a new conversion, it has been a habitable dwelling for some time under the existing s106 which enabled the Coopers to offer care to severely disabled children when Charles (Mr Cooper) was in better health. It is now enabling his wife to do so for him. The Coopers used to move in to the barn for regular periods over the years that they offered respite care through the Cambridgeshire Family Link Service as Link Plus Carers who had the qualifications and experience to cope with the most severely disabled and vulnerable children. The barn was converted with full support from the Council as the children grew older and required hoists and other specialist equipment not suited to the main cottage.

2) I understand that there have been concerns raised by the occupiers of no. 64 Abbey Street (The Days) with respect to privacy, but there is nothing new in this application which enables neighbours to be overlooked. In fact it is the new extension to no. 64 which overlooks the Cooper's property and gives vantage to look down into the barn which has been used for several years to offer the most personal care. The Coopers understandably objected to this application along with the application by Mr Day to remove the Hazel tree which offers the only privacy.

3) It should not be forgotten that a village is its people and the Coopers have both been very active in the village until health prevented it, with Charles running the Judo club at the village hall for many years and Barbara (Mrs Cooper) involved with production of the parish magazine (The Bulletin). A village should develop around its people, not people coming in to make a quick buck or garden grabbing before they leave, but people desperately trying to stay in the place they love.

4) It is a failing of many old villages that they do not offer the spectrum of accommodation to allow the young and the old (and disabled) to stay in the village, often due to grandiose development of small properties. Approval of this application would go some small way to address this in Ickleton. It is vital to prevent the elderly having to move away when they are at their most dependent on friends and family.

5) I do fear that if this application fails the main cottage would remain empty and fall into disrepair, the Coopers would not bear the strain of moving away. I believe that the only other solution would be for one of the Cooper's children and their family to move in to the premises in accordance with the existing s106, and this doesn't seem far removed from the proposed application.

Officer Comment: No change to the recommendation.

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