

PLANNING

Date: Monday 24 April 2017

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter

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Agenda

Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from Committee members.

2 Declarations of Interest

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- 4 **Planning Application No. 16/1232/01 - University of Exeter, East Park, Streatham Campus**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director City Development. (Pages 5 - 36)
- 5 **Planning Application No. 17/0302/02 - Land adj to 157 Pennsylvania Road, Exeter** (Pages 37 - 42)
- 6 **Planning Application No. 16/1523/03 - Harrington House, Harrington Lane, Exeter** (Pages 43 - 48)
- 7 **Planning Application No. 16/1524/07 - Harrington House, Harrington Lane, Exeter** (Pages 49 - 50)
- 8 **List of Decisions Made and Withdrawn Applications**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director City Development. (Pages 51 - 74)
- 9 **Appeals Report**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director City Development. (Pages 75 - 76)
- 10 **SITE INSPECTION PARTY**

To advise that the next Site Inspection Party will be held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 9.30 a.m. The Councillors attending will be notified.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on **Monday 22 May 2017** at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre.

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ITEM NO. 5

COMMITTEE DATE: 24/04/2017

APPLICATION NO: 16/1232/01 **OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION**
APPLICANT: University of Exeter
PROPOSAL: Outline planning application to build student accommodation and ancillary central amenity facilities (up to a maximum of 32,230 sq metres) with associated infrastructure and landscaping (all matters reserved).
LOCATION: University of Exeter, Stocker Road, Exeter, EX4 4QN
REGISTRATION DATE: 04/10/2016
EXPIRY DATE: 24/04/2017

UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

This application was deferred from the Planning Committee on 13 February to provide an opportunity to reconsider the quantum of development and within a revised parameter plan in consultation with local Members and residents, to achieve a more acceptable scheme. A meeting was held on 24 March 2017 with University's representatives, the planning and architect's representatives, 4 local Ward Councillors, 3 local residents (including the Chair of Hillcrest Park Residents Association and two residents who live adjacent to the site) and the planning case officer. The outcome of this meeting has led to a revised illustrative masterplan, a land use parameter plan, a buildings heights parameter plan, landscape and biodiversity plan, a revised supporting statement and illustrative material being submitted. A summary of these changes are set out below. The main change is a further reduction in the overall floor area from the previous submission of 37,200 sq metres to 32,230 sq metres a reduction of 13% which the University has estimated to equate to a total of approximately 1200 student bedspaces for the site.

DESCRIPTION OF SITE/PROPOSAL

The application site (5.14ha) is located on the eastern side of the University of Exeter's Streatham Campus, 1.4km north of the city centre. The majority of the site is currently used as an arable field with some trees centrally located and mature landscaping alongside the west, south and east boundary and an open paddock to the north. The site slopes steeply from north to south with the higher ground to the north west of the site. The site is convex in its topography with the west, east and south east edges descending steeply into small valleys beyond the boundary of the site. The site ranges from 70 metres AOD in the south to 105 metres AOD in the north. The residential area of Pennsylvania Road and Hoopern Avenue lies to the east of the site. Alongside the western boundary is located the University's Arboretum with Rennes Drive, the University car parking and academic buildings beyond. South of the site is predominantly University student residences which are accessed from St Germans Road. To the north of the site is an existing paddock currently used for horse grazing adjacent to Higher Hoopern Lane.

This outline application has all matters reserved. Vehicular access to the site is indicated to be from the north west and south west of the site from Rennes Drive. This would involve the removal of some existing trees. The originally submitted application intended to provide purpose-built student accommodation for up to a maximum of 38,000 sq metres which equated to approximately 1,300 students. The originally proposed scheme included a number of residential blocks varying in height from a landmark building of up to 12 storeys sited at the lowest point of the hill, five to six storeys across the central area and decreasing

to three/four storeys further up the slope. The built development is orientated either side of a central landscape corridor that runs from the top to the bottom of the hill, although a student block is proposed to terminate the view at the higher level.

The area of the site at the top of the hill to the north will provide informal recreation space for students. The central facilities (likely to include a reception, shop, café, lounge, games room, quiet study area, TV/film room, dining space and administration facilities) are proposed to be incorporated within the ground floor of some of the residential blocks and envisaged to occupy a floor space of up to 1,500 sq metres.

Original Submission October 2016

The original submission proposed a total development floor area of up to 39,500 sq metres (38,000 sq m for residential accommodation and 1,500 sq metres for the ancillary accommodation).

There will be no parking available for students other than provision for disabled students and drop off spaces, which is anticipated to equate to approximately 60 spaces across the site.

First revision February 2017

Following the original submission revised plans were subsequently produced. The changes relate to the proposed future siting and height of the buildings within the site and as consequence the overall quantum of development reduced from 39,500 sq m to 37,200 sq m, with a re-estimation of student bed spaces from 1,300 to between 1,150 and 1,220. The main changes are the reduction of the proposed buildings' heights close to the boundaries of the site and a reduction in the developable area alongside the western boundary. A summary of the changes contained within the building heights parameter plan are as follows:-

- reduction of the proposed 12 storey building within the southern section of the site to a maximum of 8 storeys (98.5m AOD);
- reduction of the storey height to the south-east (adjacent to the 'permissive path') from 8 to 6 storeys (92.7m AOD);
- reduction in heights alongside the eastern boundary from 7 to 5 storey (93.0m AOD), from 6 to 3 storeys (87.5m AOD) and higher up alongside the eastern boundary from 5 to 3 storeys (100.2m AOD);
- increase in height within the central section of the northern part of the site from 3/4 to 5 storeys (107.5m AOD) and the reduction in the north east part of the site from 4 to 3 storeys (101.5m AOD);
- reduction in storey heights alongside the western boundary from 6 to 5 storeys (103m AOD) and further down the western boundary from 7 to 5 storeys (93m AOD) and
- deletion of an area of land between 8 and 20 metres in width alongside the western boundary for development (although part of this area may be suitable for the creation of the internal access road).

In addition, the illustrative masterplan was amended to address issues raised in terms of the detailed layout. Although it is acknowledged that the siting of the buildings and access arrangements within the Masterplan cannot be controlled by specific condition, the matters raised do highlight important areas of concern which will need to be considered at the reserved matters application stage. The main changes are as follows:-

- repositioning of the buildings further from the north western access point;
- reduction in the buildings fronting the western internal road and arboretum;
- reduction in footprint of building located within the south east section of the site;

- re-positioning of the building alongside the eastern boundary further away from the site boundary;
- indication that the central building within the upper building terrace will be a bespoke design solution to terminate the 25m central landscape strip.

The revised total floor space proposed to be developed would be up to 37,200 sq metres (35,700 sq m for residential accommodation and 1,500 sq m for the ancillary accommodation). A reduction of 2,300 sq metres across the site from the original submitted scheme.

Second revision March 2017

Following comments made from Members at the February Planning Committee and the meeting between the applicant, agents, local Ward Councillors and local residents, further amendments have been made. The main changes are:-

- The overall quantum of development proposed is now a total of 32,230 sq m (30,730 sq m for student accommodation and 1,500 sq metres for ancillary facilities).
- The area identified for development has been reduced, moving the development zone away from the eastern boundary of the site. This has resulted in blocks illustrated in the masterplan either being reduced in width or omitted completely. In particular the reduced development zone has removed a proposed five storey block within the south east area of the site.
- The height of buildings to the northern and eastern edge of the site have been reduced one storey and in the case of the central northern block by two storeys.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE APPLICANT

Planning Statement
 Illustrative Masterplan
 Statement of Community Involvement
 Design and Access Statement
 Flood Risk Assessment/Drainage Strategy
 Sustainability Strategy
 Ecological Survey
 Protected Species Report
 Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report
 Heritage Statement
 Landscape and Visual Appraisal Report
 Geo-Environmental and Geo-Technical Desk Study Report
 Transport Statement
 Sustainable Travel Plan
 Outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
 Infrastructure Outline Planning Report
 Revised supporting statement
 Additional illustrative material

Further comments made by agent prior to the Planning Committee in February.

The University gives a commitment to continued discussions on the issue of parking on public roads with ECC and DCC and to consider whether there may be another way forward post application. This might include, at the least, exploring how we can reinforce the messages we give to our students regarding the desirability of leaving cars at home and the

options available for travel without a car, as well as reminding them of their responsibilities to be good citizens.

Regarding the strategic flood issue in the Taddiforde Valley, the University is happy to continue to discuss how this might be addressed outside of the planning application and have made a commitment to carrying on this dialogue to arrive at a satisfactory solution. The potential for a flood alleviation system in the Taddiforde Valley at the New North Park end on the University estate is being considered and we are interested to see how this might be developed and implemented between the various parties in the future.

The amount of floorspace mentioned in the 2010 Masterplan is indicative, based on assumptions at the time, and would always be expected to be subject to further work on specific proposals coming forward that seek to make the most of the site available. Also the Masterplan referred specifically to the potential for higher buildings at the site. This would inevitably increase the amount of floorspace (as there are more floors). With regard to the relationship between use and height, it is notable that a 6 storey residential block at 2.85 m per storey stands lower than a 4 storey academic block at 4.5 m per storey.

Applicant's Executive summary which accompanied the revised plan received March 2017

- i) The University has reconsidered the amount of development as requested by the Planning Committee and has consulted with local ward Members and local residents regarding their suggestions on how this might be achieved.
- ii) The result of this reconsideration is that the floorspace area proposed at the site has been reduced by 13% from the proposal presented to the committee on 13 February 2017, and 18% in total from the original planning application in October 2016, 39,500 sq m; January 2017, 37,200 sq m (a 2,300 sq m 6% reduction) March 2017, 32,230 sq m (a 4,970 sq m 13% reduction) Total reduction 7,270 sq m 18%.
- iii) This reduction in area is provided as a direct result of Committee and local resident concerns. The University is committed to easing pressure on the City's housing stock by offering more student accommodation on Campus, while also maintaining the character of the Campus and bearing in mind the feedback from our neighbours.
- iv) The masterplan framework does not set a limit to the amount of development. Whilst floorspace areas are indicated based on assumptions of the storey height, based on academic buildings, the framework specifically states that the areas can be greater with more storeys.
- v) Given the difference in scale of academic buildings compared with residential buildings, the former being typically taller (storey for storey) and bulkier in mass, the total scale and mass of the residential buildings proposed will be below the indicative scale and mass of the academic buildings envisaged in the 2010 masterplan framework.
- vi) The East Park development site has been identified for development by the University since the Holford Masterplan of 1971 and it is also identified in the Local Plan as a development site for the University –see Policy E4.
- vii) The masterplan framework is not a rigid blueprint for development at the Streatham Campus, but rather a set of guiding principles.

viii) The proposals are in line with the 2010 masterplan framework objectives to provide “well defined and confident buildings in a generous landscape setting” and that “taller buildings would be appropriate....to identify the heart of the new development and to form the terminus of views along North Park Road/Rennes Drive”.

ix) The proposals provide ‘buildings in a landscape’, as shown in the illustrative layout, with significant green space surrounding and flowing between the proposed buildings.

x) The amount of green landscape on the site within the field boundary was about 70% in the version presented to committee, and this is now 73% in the amended plans.

xi) This 73% of green landscape comprises about 3.1 hectares (7.7 acres) of the 4.3 hectare (10.6 acre) field. The building footprint on the illustrative layout is now circa 16%, or 6,973 sq m (1.7 acres).

xii) This is a significant and very generous ratio of building footprint to landscape, meeting the objective of confident buildings in a generous landscape setting, with circa 3.6 hectares (8.9 acres) of the identified development site potentially dedicated to new landscaped spaces and public realm, including both green landscape (3.1 ha or 7.7 acres) and access roads and hardstanding (0.5 ha or 1.2 acres).

xiii) The taller buildings are provided in a location that meets the masterplan framework objective regarding locating these at the heart of the development and the terminus of views.

xiv) The design takes an appropriate approach, based on detailed site analysis and led by landscape, visual and biodiversity principles, to arrive at a good solution that reflects the character of the Campus and minimizes potential impacts on the local area. It is not considered that the proposals will be overbearing on the wildlife and recreational use of the valley landscapes.

xv) The new planting will be closely integrated with the existing valley landscape, will improve and enhance the biodiversity of both the site and the surroundings, and will provide new wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.

xvi) The distance from the nearest house to the west of the site and the nearest building on the previous illustrative layout was about 75 metres. The building in question is now removed from the illustrative layout for the new proposals, and the nearest building is now about 95 metres away.

xvii) The new student residences will provide new opportunities for walking routes across the site that do not presently exist, and the University will allow permissive access to these for the local community, as it does to other parts of the Campus.

xviii) The adjacent valley park landscape will not be directly affected by development other than limited access works, and the new landscape on the site will be integrated with the existing valley landscape. The University remains committed to supporting biodiversity in its grounds. Its large grounds team, already supporting about 10,000 trees on the Campus, will ensure that the new landscape is planted and maintained to the usual high standards expected on this exceptional Campus.

xix) The University needs additional bedrooms on Campus to support the next stage of its strategic plan, including growing post graduate student numbers, increasing students studying medicine and allied disciplines and enabling increased opportunities for our students to complete study abroad for a semester. The development proposal will allow the University to provide a wider range of accommodation types including a mix of more affordable rents and tenancy length options.

xx) Other than the concerns about the scale and amount of development, the University is aware of a range of issues that can be addressed at detailed designed stage. For example, the University will seek to include appropriate light and noise control measures into the proposals, and is happy to see appropriate planning conditions to secure a suitable approach. The issue of car parking on public roads is set out in appendix three, and the University is willing to continue dialogue regarding this issue with the City and Devon County Council legal teams. It is noted that Devon County Council, as Highway Authority, has not raised any objections with regard to the proposed development.

xxi) The University needs the City Council's support to help to secure continued success at a time of uncertainty across the sector nationally. The amount of development has been reduced as far as possible, whilst allowing the University to meet its' accommodation strategy and the proposal meets the policies of the development plan, the guidance in the SPD and national planning policy.

REPRESENTATIONS

2 letters of support, one subject to the creation of a new footpath link to Hoopern Lane and one supporting the accommodation of students in one designated place rather than spread all over the city in small multiple occupancy houses.

383 letters of objection in total. This figure of 339 includes objections both pre (147) and post (192) revised February plans received and 44 following revised plans revised in March. For information this includes 152 from individuals who previously objected to the scheme.

Principal concerns raised:-

1. Overdevelopment of the site, unreasonably high density for the Campus/City;
2. Projected student numbers may be inaccurate as they are dependent on national and international political and economic changes;
3. Increased student numbers should not be relied on;
4. City is too over-dependent on the University;
5. Already too much student accommodation in the City, no need for any more;
6. Introduction of an 'urban feel' into an area of open space;
7. Negative change to character of the area particularly with the introduction of such tall buildings;
8. 12 storey building will be detrimental to the landscape setting of the Campus, it will appear as a blot on the landscape/an eyesore/out of keeping within the area/too large scale/too dominant/unsympathetic;
9. Height of the building will obstruct views of the surrounding landscape/City;
10. Inadequate information in respect of the heights of the buildings;
11. Existing tall buildings within the Campus are not good examples of landmark buildings and therefore should not provide a justification for more;
12. All proposed buildings are too high and should be reduced in height;
13. Increased student numbers will put further pressure on the local residential roads for parking, particularly in the Pennsylvania area;

14. Pressure from student parking will create a traffic hazard to existing roads;
15. University should provide adequate parking for students on Campus;
16. Development would be served by narrow and unlit roads;
17. Need to improve cycle routes in the area;
18. Increased pressure on existing roads from construction vehicles;
19. Inadequate car parking provision for future students;
20. Development should be provided on a brownfield not a greenfield site;
21. Significant environmental damage to an area of high amenity value;
22. Development would detract from the 'park like setting' of the University Campus;
23. Scale and density of the development detrimental to the ecological, amenity and landscape setting of the area;
24. Development would adversely affect the visual landscape of the City;
25. Loss of habitat/damage to the biodiversity of the area;
26. Detrimental impact on existing wildlife within the site and the surrounding areas such as badgers, foxes, dormice, slowworms, bats, kingfisher, heron, egret, owls, mistle thrushes; song thrush and bullfinches;
27. Loss of green wedge/'lung' within the City's landscape
28. Detrimental impact on a site of Local Interest for Nature Conservation close or adjoining a Site of Nature Conservation Importance (Hoopern Valley) Belvidere Meadow, Taddiford Brook County Wildlife site, Duryard Valley Park County Wildlife site, Pennsylvania Conservation Area and the University Campus as a Historic Park and Garden;
29. Inadequate consideration of the 12 storey building's impact on the historic assets in the area, including Pennsylvania Park conservation area and its associated Grade II* listed building and Lopes Hall, a Grade II listed building;
30. Potential damage to existing trees;
31. Loss of trees to create access roads into the site;
32. Detrimental impact on the existing Holm Oaks within the site;
33. Loss of access to existing open space;
34. Removal of natural eastern buffer zone between University and existing houses in Pennsylvania;
35. Noise pollution from students, particularly late at night, will increase with the residential blocks being located closer to existing residents,;
36. Light pollution and its detrimental impact on nearby residents and wildlife;
37. Overlooking and loss of privacy given the proximity of student blocks to existing houses;
38. Due to proximity, scale and massing the development would have an overbearing effect upon residents living in Hillcrest Park, Higher Hoopern Avenue and Pennsylvania Road;
39. Site is poorly related to the existing Campus and City;
40. Loss privacy to uses of the permissive path;
41. Loss of agricultural land;
42. Risk of pollution/environmental damage to the adjacent ponds;
43. Potential increased of flooding from water runoff from the site;
44. Loss of views from the pond side and Green Circle walk;
45. Landscape central strip should not be terminated by a 3/4 storey building;
46. Site should be used for academic building as required by the University 2010 masterplan, which envisaged low rise academic buildings rather than residential blocks;
47. Contrary to masterplan as it states that buildings should be between 2 and 4 storeys in height;
48. Inadequate justification in respect of the increase in buildings from 26,000 sq metres in the masterplan to 39,500 sq metres now being proposed;
49. Need for more academic building not residential accommodation;

50. Loss of area for academic buildings will put pressure on other areas of the Campus and beyond for additional land to build on;
51. Development would remove a valuable area of amenity space which provides health and welfare benefits for students and the local community;
52. Lack of amenity space within the site for future student use;
53. High rise accommodation will have an adverse effect on the health and academic achievement of students living there;
54. Increased traffic during construction will be harmful to residential amenities due to noise, dust and vibration;
55. Inconvenience caused to local residents during the construction phase;
56. Provision of student accommodation of this scale will potentially damage the private
57. Additional pressure on existing service infrastructures eg gas, electricity, water and
58. Concern that development will lead to pressure in the future to access the site from
59. Need to ensure that there is no vehicular access from Pennsylvania Road or Higher
60. Existing paddock (adjacent to the application site) should be retained and not used as
61. Loss of quiet space within the City;
62. Increase in litter and graffiti in the area;
63. Insufficient information has been provide given the submission is illustrative only;

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Specific comments received following the balloon test on 16 November:-

64. Inadequate number of balloons which failed to accurately show the extent of the development, a further balloon test should be carried out;
65. Additional balloon(s) should have been sited within the centre of the site to indicate the 6 storey buildings, this omission failed to show the impact the buildings would have on residents living in Pennsylvania;
66. Balloons were not left up long enough and therefore a proper assessment could not be made;
67. Strength of wind on the day reduced the overall height of the balloon and therefore height misrepresentative.
68. Balloon test clearly highlights the detrimental impact the height of the development will have on the surrounding area, particularly in response to the balloon representing the 12 storey building.

192 additional issues received after amended plans submitted in February were received:-

69. Reiterate previous objections raised, notwithstanding the changes made;
70. Revised plans do not address issues raised;
71. Concern that plan indicates that some buildings will be increased.
72. Insufficient attempts have been made by the University to meet their own Sustainable Transport Plan target of reducing daily student car commuting to 3%, which currently remains at 5%. This target has been extended to 2020; and
- 73) It is unfair that the proposed solution to the parking issue by the creation resident's parking zones in surrounding residential roads would effectively tax local residents, as a consequence of the university's developments.

Further comments made by residents to the previous committee report

1. As the scale of the scheme is set at this stage and not at the reserved matters stage, the majority of the matters raised by objectors cannot be dealt with at the reserved matters stage.
2. Report fails to fully acknowledge that the revised plans show an increase in height of building at the highest part of the site and therefore will have the greatest negative impact.

3. No mention is made that some objections received are from University staff.
4. No restrictions have been included to address the Devon Wildlife Trust's concerns about need for buffer zones along the southern and eastern boundaries.
5. Report fails to adequately explain the addition of 10,800 sq metres more development area over the highest figure as stated for development of 26,000sq m in the University Masterplan.
6. Mention should be made that the University masterplan calls for a 'light touch' for the development of East Park.
7. Development of large scale development and the need to protect the character and setting of the Campus are incompatible.
8. Description that the scheme is landscape led is contradictory to the Design Review Panel's comment that there is a need for greater integration of landscape.
9. Conclusion that the scheme does not result in over development is not supported by any evidence.
10. The applicant has no influence over keeping the permissive path open and given the scale of the development the path will have to close to the public in order to protect the nearest listed building from potential problems associated with littering, vandalism, loss of privacy and noise disturbance. This would lead to a significant loss in pedestrian access and amenity value to those who access the University from Pennsylvania Road.
11. Report should highlight that 'there are significant mental health concerns for students living in high rise tower blocks'.
12. It should be noted that most of the objections contain more than one significant concern estimated to be 73% of those responding objecting to the design/scale of development; 65% to traffic/parking issues and 65% to the loss of green space and amenity value.
13. Objections should not be viewed as anti-student but loss of green open space, scale of development and the scheme being at odds with University masterplan.

32 additional objections received in response to the revised plans submitted in March 2017.

Principal issues raised:

- i) no significant change to the scheme and therefore previous objections remain;
- ii) public consultation following the previous committee has been inadequate and concerns raised at the resident's meeting have not been addressed;
- iii) 3D images and perspective ground level elevation have not been supplied by the agent at the start of the consultation process and therefore there has been given no opportunity to make comment;
- iv) revised scheme still represents an overdevelopment of the site;
- v) proposed student numbers of 1200 has changed little from the original 1300 and therefore the issues of noise, parking, light pollution and loss of amenity still remain;
- vi) question the University's assumption that student numbers will increase given uncertainty about post Brexit European student numbers are likely to decrease and European and Chinese universities are expanding;
- vii) increasing student numbers are unsustainable and will still put pressure on HMO. The development should be for second, third and postgraduate students.

CONSULTATIONS

County Head of Planning Transportation and Environment comments that from a Highway view, the provision of students' flats on the Campus represents a highly sustainable development that is unlikely to create any significant highway issues.

It is essential that the secure cycle parking, in accordance with the standards set out in the Exeter City Council Sustainable Transport Supplementary Planning Document are achieved and the provision of these facilities should be secured by condition.

On-site facilities should be provided to cater for student pick up/drop off at the end of term; this is felt to provide adequate provision. The applicant is advised that the peak periods of student pick up/drop off should be carefully managed to make best use of these spaces.

Prince of Wales of Road is a classified road and the long construction period (& demolition) will need to be carefully managed to ensure the impact of these is minimised. It is therefore recommended that a condition for a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) is attached in the granting of any permission and the applicant is advised to liaise with the Highway Authority prior to commencement.

The submitted plans indicate a pedestrian/cycle route linking the Campus to Higher Hoopern Lane in the vicinity of Higher Hoopern Farm. The provision of this route is part of the Masterplan Framework SPD and should be kept open as a condition.

The plans also show an existing pedestrian route through the valley, past Hoopern ponds, that links the Campus to Pennsylvania Road. It is understood that this is a permissive route only and not a right of way. Therefore, it is recommended that the applicant should, if possible, keep this existing pedestrian link open at all times, ensuring good pedestrian access to the east of the site.

The Highway Authority intends to review the parking arrangements in this area of the city and the development proposals have potential to influence any strategy. Although management plans may stipulate no cars for students it seems difficult to police and in all likelihood some students would park on nearby residential streets, exacerbating existing issues. Therefore, to help address this, a contribution of £20,000 towards a review of the existing residential parking zones, making and implementing traffic orders is requested. The assessment of the contribution is informed by recent residents parking schemes within the City and includes costs associated with technical design, Traffic Regulation Orders and physical road markings/signing. Were the application to be approved, this contribution should be secured prior to commencement. Subject to the above conditions regarding on site facilities, residents parking review contributions, CTMP and the exploration of a pedestrian/cycle linking the Campus to Higher Hoopern Lane (as indicated in the Master Plan Framework SPD) being attached in the granting of any planning permission, no objection.

Historic England comment that the application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy.

Natural England comment that the proposal is unlikely to affect any statutory protected sites or landscapes; impact on protected species is a material consideration in the determination of the application, LPA should consider the site in respect of Local Wildlife Sites, Regionally Important Geological/ Geomorphological Sites (RIGS) or Local Nature Reserves (LNR). In addition, Natural England highlight the importance of incorporation of green infrastructure into the development, opportunity for features to be incorporated into the design which are beneficial for wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes and the '*...opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment; use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature.*'

County Flood Risk Officer raises objection to this application because it is not believed that it satisfactorily conforms to Policy CP12 (Flood Risk) of the Exeter Core Strategy and Policy EN3 and EN4 of the Exeter Local Plan which requires all development proposals to mitigate against flood risk and utilise sustainable drainage systems, where feasible and practical. The applicant will therefore be required to submit additional information to demonstrate that all

aspects of the surface water drainage management have been considered. (*Further information has been submitted by the applicant and is currently being considered by the Flood Risk Officer*).

South West Water comment on need to contact SWW if the development is located within three metres of the public sewer which crosses the site or if a diversion of the sewer is required. Having reviewed the information submitted in respect of the proposed surface water disposal for the development it is considered that the method proposed to discharge into the ground (infiltration) is acceptable and meets the Run-Off Destination Hierarchy. In addition, attention is drawn to the Local Plan policy to limit the adverse (including cumulative) effect of the proposed development such that sustainability is paramount and flooding risk is not increased elsewhere.

Council's Drainage Officer recommends that further information be provided to highlight what measures are proposed to address risks of the potential for flooding downstream of the development site.

Environmental Health Officer raises no objection subject to the imposition of suitable conditions in respect of a construction environmental management programme (CEMP); contaminated land report; noise assessment; air quality assessment and detail of external lighting details.

Devon Wildlife Trust comment that whilst the report has proposed mitigation measures to minimise impacts on protected species, it is felt that these might be compromised by the close proximity of the envisaged buildings to the western, southern and eastern boundaries as shown in the illustrative masterplan. This plan illustrates that it might be difficult to control light spill and human disturbance to surrounding habitats and species. It is therefore suggested that the Master Plan be amended to show a wide buffer area of wildlife friendly habitat, separating buildings from the western, southern and eastern site boundaries, in order to allow scope for the avoidance of disturbance to legally protected species.

In response to the revised Land Use Parameter Plan and revised Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy Plan, which show the development zone moved away from the western field boundary is welcomed. However the southern and eastern boundaries have not been addressed and the Trust would like to see a wider buffer area of wildlife friendly habitat, separating buildings from these boundaries, in order to allow scope for the avoidance of disturbance to legally protected species.

RSPB raise no objection subject to the imposition of a condition requiring the incorporation of swift boxes into the buildings.

Devon and Cornwall Police Liaison Officer - views awaited.

Devon and Somerset Fire Service – comment that there is insufficient information in respect of access and water supply for the fire service to make detailed observations but consider that these will be available at the detailed planning application stage and when the building regulations application is submitted. For example further justification will be required in terms of the layout of some of the indicative cluster room layouts. The Fire Service would promote the installation of sprinklers into a development of this site and for this purpose and encourage pre-application consultation to address the issues raised.

Heritage Officer comments that although there have previously been finds of prehistoric material in this area, principally to the west, the geophysical survey does not identify any substantial remains such as enclosures or ring ditches within the site, although there remains the possibility of other, slighter remains, being present. A number of clusters of possible pits have been identified by the survey, although it is noted that some at least of these may have a natural or agricultural origin.

As no substantial remains have been identified by the survey, there is no proportionate need for site evaluation at this stage and therefore sufficient information on heritage issues has been submitted to enable determination of the application and there are no archaeological constraints on the principle or layout of the proposed development.

However, due to the potential for slighter remains to be present there will be a need for archaeological trial trenching to confirming the results of the survey and to identify any slighter remains that are not capable of identification by the latter and potentially also for the archaeological excavation and recording of any such remains prior to destruction by the ground works for the development. This should be ensured by attaching the standard archaeological condition.

PLANNING POLICIES/POLICY GUIDANCE

Central Government Guidance - National Planning Policy Framework

- 4. Promoting sustainable transport
 - 6. Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes
 - 7. Requiring good design
 - 8. Promoting healthy communities
 - 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
 - 12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
- Plan making
Decision making

Exeter Local Development Framework Core Strategy

CP1 - Spatial Approach

CP4 - Density

CP5 - Student Accommodation

Relevant text states that:-

*The supply of housing should meet the needs of all members of the community such that:
-all major development (10 or more dwellings) should include a mix of housing informed by context, local housing need and the most up to date Housing Market Assessment;
-purpose built student accommodation should be provided to meet the housing need.*

CP9 - Transport

CP10_- Meeting Community Needs

CP11 - Pollution

CP12 - Flood Risk

CP13 - Decentralised Energy Networks

CP14 - Using Renewable and Low Carbon Energy in New Development

CP15 - Sustainable Construction

CP17 - Design and Local Distinctiveness

Exeter Local Plan First Review 1995-2011

AP1 - Design and Location of Development

AP2 - Sequential Approach

E4 - Exeter University Campus

The development of education uses, student housing and research and development initiatives, including ancillary production, will be permitted on the University of Exeter Campus provided that the character and setting of the Campus is protected.

H5 - Diversity of Housing

Relevant text- Student housing will be permitted provided that:

- a) the scale and intensity of use will not harm the character of the building and locality and will not cause an unacceptable reduction in the amenity of neighbouring occupiers or result in on-street parking problems;*
- b) the proposal will not create an overconcentration of the use in any one area of the city which would change the character or the neighbourhood or create an imbalance in the local community;*
- d) student accommodation is located so as to limit the need to travel to the Campus by car*

T1 - Hierarchy of Modes

T2 - Accessibility Criteria

T3 - Encouraging Use of Sustainable Modes

T10 - Car Parking Standards

C1 - Conservation Areas

C2 - Listed Buildings

C3 - Buildings of Local Importance

C4 – Historic Park and Garden

C5 - Archaeology

EN2 - Contaminated Land

EN3 - Air and Water Quality

EN4 - Flood Risk

EN5 - Noise

DG1 - Objectives of Urban Design

DG2 - Energy Conservation

DG4 - Residential Layout and Amenity

DG6 Vehicular Circulation and Car Parking in Residential Development

DG7 - Crime Prevention and Safety

LS1 - Landscape Setting

LS4 - Local Nature Conservation Designations

Development Delivery Development Plan Document (Publication Version) 2015

This document represents a material consideration but has not been adopted and does not form part of the Development Plan.

DD1 - Sustainable Development

DD12 - Purpose Built Student Accommodation

This policy seeks to protect residential amenity and to ensure that purpose built student accommodation is fit for purpose:

Purpose built student accommodation will be permitted provided the proposal:

- a) respects, and contributes positively towards, the character and appearance of the area;*
- b) does not result in unacceptable harm to the amenity of neighbouring residents;*
- c) provides sufficient internal and external space for future occupiers;*
- d) makes appropriate provision for refuse storage, operational and disabled persons parking, servicing and cycle parking;*
- e) reduces the need to travel and would not cause unacceptable transport impacts; and,*

f) is accompanied by a suitable Management Plan secured by planning obligation to demonstrate how the property will be managed in the long term.

DD13 - Residential Amenity
DD20 - Sustainable Movement
DD21 - Parking
DD25 - Design Principles
DD26 - Designing Out Crime
DD28 - Heritage Assets
DD29 - Protection of Landscape Setting Areas
DD30 - Green Infrastructure
DD31 - Biodiversity
DD32 - Local Energy Networks
DD33 - Flood Risk
DD34 - Pollution

Exeter City Council Supplementary Planning Documents:-

Archaeology and Development November 2004
Sustainable Transport March 2013
Development Related to the University June 2007
Houses in Multiple Occupation (including Class C4 Uses) January 2014
Planning Obligations April 2014
University of Exeter Masterplan Development 2010
Trees in relation to Development September 2009
Residential Design Guide September 2010

Pennsylvania Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan May 2005
The site is identified as being within the University Campus and as a Site of Local Interest for Nature Conservation Importance. The site forms part of the University's designation as a Historic Park and Garden
Exeter University's Estate Strategy

OBSERVATIONS

A development of this magnitude requires careful consideration as it will have a significant impact on the immediate character and appearance of the area both within context of the University Campus and the City as a whole. It is understandable that the application has attracted a large number of objections from local residents and the wide ranging issues they raise require individual assessment. The site represents one of the largest areas identified for development within the University Campus and it is accepted that its impact will be felt not only on Campus but from outside the University boundaries and in particular the adjacent residents living within the Pennsylvania area. The report will address the principle of the site's development and use within the context of national and development plan policies in addition to considering more site specific matters such as the siting and heights of buildings, their use, impact on the landscape, trees, wildlife, access arrangement, parking provision, residential amenity, heritage assets, flooding and sustainable construction.

The application was reported to Planning Committee in February and amended plans were received in March which seek to address the previous concerns in respect of the quantum of development proposed which has been reduced from 37,200 sq metres to 32,230 sq metres. However the issues raised within the original submission are still valid and represent relevant material planning considerations in the determination of this application.

Development Plan background

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states in paragraph 11 that:- '*planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise*'. It is therefore important to consider the development plan background against which this application is assessed. It is accepted that the creation of purpose-built student accommodation on Campus represents a sustainable form of development and therefore as stated in paragraph 14 of the NPPF that there '*... is a presumption in favour of sustainable development which should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan –making and decision making...for decision-taking this means: approving development proposals that accord with the development plan without delay*'. The following paragraphs provide an outline of the relevant development policies relating to this application. Based on these policies it is considered that the principle of development on this site is acceptable.

Core Strategy

The Core Strategy 2012 states CP5: 'The supply of housing should meet the needs of all members of the community such that '*...purpose built student accommodation should be provided to meet the housing need*.' The accompanying text (para 6.28) states that the University envisages about 3,300 additional full time living away from home students from 2010/11 to 2025/26 '*The University*' aim to provide housing for all full-time students who want it is supported because it will ease pressure on existing family housing. 75% or more of additional student numbers should be accommodated in purpose built student housing. New purpose built housing should be located on, or close to the University Campuses...'

Exeter Local Plan First Review

Development of East Park featured in the Holford Report 1971 and the site has been identified as part of the development area of Streatham Campus in Council planning policies since the Exeter Local Plan First Alteration 1993. The current Exeter Local Plan First Review 2005 identifies East Park as subject to Policy E4:

'The development of education uses, student housing and ancillary research and development initiatives, including ancillary production, will be permitted on the University of Exeter Campus provided that the character and setting of the Campus is protected.'

Development Delivery Development Plan Document

The publication version Development Delivery DPD July 2015 (not part of the development plan) states (para 3.27): '*The Council will encourage the provision of further purpose built student accommodation at Streatham Campus through the review of the masterplan. By maximising the number of additional students accommodated in purpose built student housing, further adverse impacts on the private housing market can be minimised.*' Policy DD12 seeks to protect residential amenity and to ensure accommodation is fit for purpose.

University of Exeter Streatham Campus Master Plan Framework

A Streatham Campus Master Plan supplementary planning document was adopted by the City Council in 2010 following public consultation. Whilst the Masterplan does not form part of the development plan it remains a relevant material planning consideration. It was prepared in the context of the University's 2006-16 Estates Strategy to provide guidance and inform decisions on the Forum and INTO buildings and the provision of about 2,063 student bedrooms at Duryard, Birks and Lafrowda that opened between 2010 and 2012. In that context of about 2,063 bedrooms coming forward, the masterplan reserved on-Campus sites primarily for further academic expansion, with East Park expected to be a long term site. However, the City Council did flag up that there might be a need to consider at a later date

whether some of the land identified for future development on Campus should be devoted to more student housing. The masterplan identified indicative potential for about 52,000-68,000 sq m of new buildings on Campus assuming 3-4 storeys of which 19,800-26,400 sq m was at East Park (an indicative footprint of 6,600 sq m).

Need for student accommodation

Objectors to the scheme have commented that there are already too many purpose-built student flats and there is no need for further accommodation of this type in the City. Core Strategy Policy CP5 provides the strategic context which supports additional student accommodation to meet housing need and as part of an adopted development plan policy represents an important material consideration. In addition, current statistics which are outlined below support the need for further student accommodation.

The University provides data on the projected future number of students. Assumptions based upon past information are made on the proportion of students who live at home either within or outside of the city. The remaining full time students are assumed to need accommodation either in purpose built student accommodation (PBSA) or in the private housing market. Annual estimates do fluctuate but currently it is anticipated that around 16,000 students will need to be accommodated by 2019/20. By way of comparison in 2015/16 the total number of students requiring accommodation was about 14,700. Currently just 6,500 of these students are accommodated in PBSA putting significant pressure on the private housing market and causing issues of community imbalance in St James and other parts of the city.

Although around 4,500 bedspaces within PBSA have been provided since April 2006, this compares with a growth in students needing accommodation of around 6,000 in the same period. Thus many students are continuing to rely on the private housing market with a consequent impact on communities.

There are approximately 450 bedspaces to be provided through schemes under construction and undelivered planning consents could deliver up to a further 1400 bedspaces. It is clear however that there remains significant "headroom" in the market for PBSA and that if the imbalance in communities from high proportions of shared houses is to be addressed, there will continue to be a need for such accommodation.

The 75% target in the Core Strategy Policy is monitored from a base of 2006/7, the start of the period covered by the Core Strategy. The policy aims to provide housing for full time students who want it to ease pressure on existing family housing and to this aim 75% or more of additional student numbers should be accommodated in PSBAs. However it is desirable that performance should be closer to or over 100% to address community imbalance.

Development of significant further student accommodation at East Park is considered necessary to ensure good performance against the target of 75% or more of students in PBSA to meet University aspirations that first year and overseas students have the opportunity of a Campus experience and to reduce the impact of students' imbalancing communities in popular student areas. If the number of Council Tax exemptions in private shared houses is to be reduced it is important to continue to allow significant amounts of additional PSBA to be delivered that exceed the growth of the University. As is the case for conventional housing there is no requirement for the applicant to prove the need for student accommodation. The application must be considered on its merits.

Use of the site for student accommodation

Objections have been received in respect of use of the site for student accommodation rather than for academic purposes, which was proposed in the University's 2010 Masterplan. Whilst at the time of this document's publication that was the University's intention, it does not render the site unsuitable for residential use. Indeed the University have stated that their priority is now to use the site for residential purposes. When the Council approved the masterplan in December 2010 it was particularly concerned to ensure that sufficient purpose-built student accommodation continued to come forward. The existing Campus layout has the academic and social/administration buildings located within central areas with purpose-built student accommodation concentrated to the western and eastern boundaries. The application would continue this established approach and therefore is considered appropriate, subject to matters of detail in respect of existing landscape features and residential amenities being considered.

As previously stated the masterplan still allows for significant academic building expansion within the University Campus. It is important to note that although the masterplan represents a relevant material consideration as a supplementary planning document it does not form part of the development plan. The relevant Development Plan policies are Core Strategy Policy CP5 and more specifically Local Plan First Review Policy E4 which encourage the further provision of purpose-built student accommodation on the University Campus. Consequently the proposed scheme would accord with the principle of these policies although they do need to be balanced against the relevant criteria of these policies and the contents of the University's masterplan as a material planning consideration. The National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 11 and 196 requires application to be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. It is therefore necessary to balance the relevant policies as to whether the proposal complies or breaches the development plan as a whole and against other material conditions. Whilst the masterplan identified the site for academic purposes, which was the University's preference at that time, it did not restrict its use for residential use.

Need for an Environmental Impact Assessment

Residents have expressed concern that the application was not accompanied by an Environment Statement in accordance with Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations. The local planning authority has provided a screening opinion that concludes that an EIA in this instance is not required. Whilst the proposal requires significant supporting documentation, which has been provided, to make an appropriate assessment in the context of this planning application, it is important to note that the site has previously been identified for development in both the Exeter Local Plan First Review and the University's Masterplan. It is not a site where development is unexpected and consequently the assessment needs to consider the type of use within the University's defined Campus and the form of development (quantum and form including height of development) in addition to the other material planning consideration. In addition, Members are advised that the Planning Practice Guidance 'Environmental Impact Assessment' states that '*only a very small proportion of Schedule 2 development (which this development falls within) will require an assessment...*'. The Guidance goes on to state that it is for the local planning authority to consider whether a proposed development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Impact on the landscape

The application seeks outline planning permission and consequently detailed layout and building design issues are for future consideration. However the application's description does refer to a quantum of development within the latest plans being 32,230 sq metres (30,730 for residential use and 1,500 sq m ancillary accommodation) and it is therefore

necessary for the applicant to provide a certain level of detail to assess whether this is a realistic quantum of development. It is important to establish limits to the developable area given the site's relationship to existing areas of landscaping surrounding the site and residential properties to the east and north. In addition, the sloping nature of the site requires careful attention as the scheme intends to build up to 8 storeys in height. It is acknowledged that the University's Masterplan anticipated between 3 and 4 storeys for the site, although it did recognise that '*...some taller buildings would be appropriate in this location to identify the heart of the new development and to form the potential terminus of views along North Park Road and Rennes Drive*'.

The submitted Landscape and Visual Appraisal provides a detailed study of views both of and from the site. It is accepted that '*...the extent of visibility of the site is largely determined by the local topography but the mature trees in the Campus and in the surrounding residential areas of Exeter also play an important role in restricting views as does the surrounding built development*' as stated in the Appraisal. In particular it acknowledges the importance of the development in respect of Exeter Local Plan First Review Policy LS1 'landscape setting areas' comprising of the Taddiford and Higher Hoopern Pond valleys although no development will be in this designated area except for access purposes. The study summarises the impact of the development as being visible from within the Campus and immediate surrounding areas but seen as an extension to the University Campus. The Appraisal comments that the development will be in part visible from Higher Hoopern Lane but the principal features of the Haldon Hills, Exe Estuary and Cathedral will not be obstructed.

The supporting planning statement states that the scheme has been '*...landscape led, with considerable thought given to the visual effects of the scheme*'. The design has used the contours of the site to create distinct rows of development and the reduction in heights of the buildings as development extends up the slope seeks to ensure that the buildings do not break the skyline or prevent views of the distant landscape and the city. The supporting sectional drawings and illustrative masterplan indicate how this could be achieved. However it is inevitable that a development of this scale will have a major impact on the character and appearance of the area and therefore it is important to minimise, where possible, its impact on important features or uses adjoining the site. Consequently changes have been made to the original submission to limit the extent and height of development within the site. A summary of the changes made during the course of the application are contained within the description of the site section of this report. In general they show a reduction in the heights of buildings closest to the boundaries of the site, particularly next to the arboretum area, which is recognised as an important landscape feature on the Campus and the south and eastern of the application site closest to pedestrian routes and existing properties in Pennsylvania. The design approach which seeks to provide taller buildings more centrally within the site is consistent with the aims of the University Masterplan. It is acceptable that even though building heights have been reduced, in some instance significantly from 12 to 8 storeys and from 6 to 3 storeys and further reduction in storey heights have been made in the latest revised plans, they will still create an urban feel to this currently open site. Whilst the supporting sectional drawings indicate that the building will be set within the context of this sloping site, a condition which limits the heights of buildings to that specified within the 'building heights parameter plan' will be needed to ensure that future reserved matters take account of this issue. This condition will also establish the extent of the developable area when the detailed layout is considered.

In summary, it is considered that the parameter plan as now submitted, which includes a 25 metre landscape strip within the site, would present an appropriate area for development

without the demonstrably affecting the landscaped setting of the surrounding area. The agent has also highlighted that 73% of the site would be for landscape and informal open space an increase in the previous submission which identified 70% for this purpose. Whilst it is accepted that the character and appearance of the area will be substantially altered, this should be viewed within its context as a development site on the University Campus and acknowledged within the adopted University masterplan and Exeter Local Plan First Review.

Impact on trees/ecology/nature conservation issues

The submitted arboricultural report and survey indicates the removal of some existing trees principally within the centre of the site and to the west to facilitate the construction of the two access roads into the site and the internal road. It is however notable that this survey seeks to retain the two groups of mature Oaks to the south and east of the site as shown on the illustrative masterplan which is welcomed. It is accepted that the main access roads will inevitably lead to some loss of vegetation, its impact is not significant and the submitted survey clearly shows that suitable consideration has been given in the form of root protection areas to the retained trees to ensure that the impact on the existing landscape is minimal. However it is not accepted that the trees/hedges along the western boundary identified for removal will necessarily be required as a result of this development. The siting of the internal access roads is not fixed and therefore it is considered that further detailed assessment of how this should be achieved is required. Accordingly although the relatively small number of trees to be removed is welcomed, the details contained within the arboricultural survey at this stage is for information only and a condition stating that no trees shall be felled on the development site is imposed until the detailed building and access routes are known, as part of the reserved matters application.

Protected Species/ecological enhancements

A Phase I Ecological Survey and Protected Species Survey accompanied the application and an updated version dated November 2016 includes survey result in respect of dormice. The report concludes that populations of badgers, dormice, reptiles and bats were found to be present within the site. Consequently mitigation measures are required to compensate the potential harm to these species or loss of their habitat, as a result of this development. In particular, it was identified that although no badger setts were found within 30 metres of the development site, the arable field provides foraging areas. It would therefore be necessary to ensure that badgers continued to be able to move along the boundaries of the site and connect to adjoining fields to the north of the site for foraging purposes. The presence of 11 species of bats were mainly recorded along the wooded edges of the site and the above existing ponds. These areas are mainly identified for retention and therefore the bat's main feeding areas would be unaffected. However, it was recommended that native planting could provide further foraging habitat for bats and lighting levels within the site should be minimised. Common dormice were found within the site and as a European Protected Species will require a separate licence from Natural England before works could commence. The report identified that in order to mitigate the potential risk to dormice a number of measures would be required including a phased clearance of the site during certain times of the day/year and additional habitat and nest boxes should be provided in suitable locations alongside the site. Like dormice, whilst the survey found that the presence of reptiles (slowworms and grass snakes) was low, effective mitigation would be required in respect of phased clearance of the site and suitable habitat and hibernation areas would need to be provided. In addition to the mitigation measures outlined above it is considered that general ecological enhancement should be incorporated into the overall scheme. This could be addressed through the imposition of a planning condition to include provision of bird and bat boxes, planting of native species, wildflower mix species and potential for a new wildlife pond. Whilst the comments of the Devon Wildlife Trust are noted regarding the need for

wider wildlife buffers to the south and eastern boundaries, it is considered that the mitigation measures required by this condition would effectively address these concerns.

Design Review Panel comments

In accordance with advice provided by the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance 'Design' the applicant has sought the advice of the Devon and Somerset Design Review Panel prior to the submission of the planning application. This guidance states that local planning authorities are required to have regard to the recommendations of the Design Review Panel in assessing applications. The Panel concluded that although they welcomed the aspiration of the proposal which focused on landscape and ecological considerations they were not supportive of the design presented in its current form. In particular they considered the gateway building too high; the scheme needed to provide a greater sense of community; the upper open space should be better incorporated into the layout; improvements needed to pedestrian access through the site; attention to the impact of external lighting; incorporation of mature landscaping and need for district heating. It is accepted that the illustrative layout as submitted is similar in its overall approach to that considered by the Panel and therefore could be argued that the design has not materially changed. However it is important to acknowledge that the application is in outline with all matters reserved. The Panel did comment that greater micro level analysis may help to make the proposal more site specific and create a better sense of character and place. The applicant has been made aware that the submitted layout does not constitute an approved plan and the factors raised by the Panel may result in a different approach being needed for the reserved matters submission. In particular the need for greater integration of landscape with the scheme and the need for a more distinctive design will be necessary to ensure that the overall development does not appear too uniform as commented on by the Panel. Given the significant number of objections from residents to the proposed heights of buildings it is should be noted that the Panel commented that method used by the applicant to determine heights was considered a good approach and it was only the gateway building identified as being too high. The gateway building has subsequently been removed from the scheme.

Vehicular Access

This outline application seeks to reserve all matters for future consideration. However, indicative vehicular access points are proposed to the north western and south western corners of the site. Whilst the creation of these access points would lead to some loss of trees and the construction of roads through an area of a landscape setting, as designated in the Exeter Local Plan First Review, its impact on the landscape quality of the area is considered minimal. The access roads are necessary for the development of the application site and therefore acceptable in respect of Policy LS1 as they represent infrastructure which would not unduly harm the character of the area. Given the site is identified for development within both the Local Plan and the University Masterplan it is inevitable that vehicular access will be required and its location to the western side of the site and closest to the University Campus is therefore considered appropriate. Acceptance of the access points in these locations will ensure that no vehicular access is created to the northern and eastern side of the site, which are wholly residential in character and consequently the level of potential disturbance from vehicular traffic which could be created by this development would be minimised. Although indicative road and pedestrian layouts are shown on submitted plans, they are for illustrative purposes only and do not require detailed consideration at this stage. These plans do however provide an indication as to how the floor space applied for could be accommodated within the site. Consequently concern was been raised in connection with the original submission regarding the proximity of the indicative internal road arrangement to the western boundary closest to the arboretum and existing mature trees and hedges. This has resulted in the submission of a revised development parameter plan which redefines the

developable area in this location. It is proposed to condition this plan which will ensure that this issue is given sufficient weight when the detailed layout plans are submitted.

Construction and Environmental Management Plan

On a related matter local residents have raised concern about the level of disturbance which would occur from the development during the construction phase from vehicles entering and leaving the site during re-profiling of the site, delivery of materials, construction of essential infrastructure and ultimately the buildings themselves. In particular residents to the north of the site are concerned that Higher Hoopern Lane could be used for construction access purposes. Whilst an outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted with the application this does not provide sufficient detail in respect of construction vehicles routes and therefore it is considered that a specific condition be imposed to address this matter. It is logical that the two new access points created from the Campus would be used for this purpose, as indicated in the outline CEMP, submitted with the application. In addition, a condition requiring the submission of a detailed CEMP is required to ensure that environmental issues raised by residents, such as the location of material storage, hours of working, dust, mud on the road noise etc are addressed prior to commencement of works and once details of the infrastructure and buildings are known. In response to a particular concern raised regarding the possible use of the land immediately alongside Higher Hoopern Lane for construction/storage purposes, as this land lies outside the application site boundary it could not be used for this purpose without the submission of a separate planning application. It is understood from the applicant that it is not their intention to use the land for this purpose.

Parking

Many residents have raised objections to the scheme in respect of parking and access problems caused by student vehicles which they currently experience. Residents are concerned that the significant increase in student numbers and therefore the potential for students to bring cars with them to University will exacerbate the problem. The University Sustainable Travel Plan seeks to discourage students from bringing private cars to the Campus and imposes a policy that no student parking is allowed on the Campus other than for disabled parking. The proposed scheme would continue this policy and no parking will be provided on site except for the disabled, deliveries and servicing requirements. The Campus location will enable the site to take advantage of sustainable transport and help address the targets contained within the University's Sustainable Travel Plan which includes the aim to reduce reliance on private car travel. It is inevitable that cars will access the site at times of student arrival and departure and it is considered that the imposition of a legal agreement requiring a Student Management Plan will adequately address this issue. The applicant has provided some details as to how this would operate within the submitted Transport Statement. However of more concern is the potential for students to permanently keep their cars within the residential areas surrounding the University during term time. The University has responded that it is beyond their control to effectively 'police' student's vehicles being parked legally in nearby residential streets and it does not consider that a restriction imposed on each student which precludes them from keeping vehicles within the area would be legally enforceable. Whilst it is considered that the sites on Campus location will deter students from bringing their own car, more effective control can be provided through the imposition of a Traffic Regulation Order, which has been recommended by the County Highway Officer. It is considered that a financial contribution of £20,000 is made by the applicant prior to the commencement of development towards a review of the existing residential parking zones, the making and implementation of traffic orders and meeting the costs associated with technical design and physical road markings/signing. Although the lack of a further measures from the University to address this issue is disappointing, it is recognised that their

Sustainable Travel Plan does make a commitment towards sustainable travel for its students and the acceptance from the County Highway Officer in respect of a financial contribution towards a Traffic Regulation Order for the surrounding residential streets does offer a practical measure through which non-resident parking can be controlled.

Sustainable transport and cycle parking/routes

As previously stated that the County Highway Officer supports the proposal intention to provide only operational and disabled parking spaces on site. However it is considered that in addition to the traffic regulation orders to prevent the potential for displaced student vehicles on adjacent residential streets, there is a need to ensure that sustainable transport measure are implemented to meet the University's Sustainable Travel Plan. Consequently the Highway Officer has recommended that conditions are imposed to secure cycle parking within the site commensurate with the size of the development and the need for a suitable pedestrian/cycle route linking the Campus to Higher Hoopern Lane in the vicinity of Higher Hoopern Farm. This would meet the objectives of the University's masterplan, which proposes improvements of the strategic cycle routes through the Campus and in this instance with Pennsylvania Road. These conditions will ensure that the sustainable methods of transport are supported and encouraged in practical terms. In addition, residents have expressed a wish to retain the existing pedestrian route from the Campus past Hoopern Ponds to the east which ultimately leads to Pennsylvania Road. However this is a permissive route only and not a right of way which the University has ownership, and therefore cannot be controlled by the planning process.

Impact on residential amenity

Local residents are understandably concerned about the environmental impact which could potentially arise from the creation of bedspaces for approximately 1,200 student occupants being located closer to their properties. The issues relating to traffic and parking have previously been addressed and it is considered that the Construction and Environmental Management Plan will ensure that suitable measures are in place to protect resident's amenities during the building phase. In addition, the Council's Environmental Health Officer has recommended conditions on matters relating to the need for a contamination, noise, and lighting assessments and an air quality assessment (if a Combined Heat and Power plant is proposed as part of the detailed scheme) prior to commencement of development. Whilst it is not considered that any of these issue would prevent the development from proceeding, they are important considerations which will inform the detailed design stage and help to mitigate the impact of the future development on residential amenity. It is acknowledged that the scheme would bring student accommodation closer to residential properties and residents have already raised complaints in respect of existing noise and lighting problems they experience. However the revised plans show an increase in the distance being retained between existing dwellings and the new buildings from the previous scheme of 80 metres to 120 metres. Consequently it is considered that coupled with any mitigation measures which arise from the assessments required by the conditions imposed, residential amenities in the area could be effectively safeguarded to an acceptable level. In addition, the requirements of the legal agreement for a Student Management Plan will ensure control of student activity within the site and therefore minimise the potential disturbance to existing residents.

Residents living east of the site in Hoopern Avenue and Pennsylvania Road have raised concerns regarding possible loss of privacy due to overlooking from the future occupants of the student buildings. Although the actual siting of the proposed buildings is not known at this stage, the illustrative masterplan indicates that the closest building would be over 120 metres from the nearest existing dwelling and is generally separated by existing mature trees. As previously stated the most recent amended plans have further reduced the storey heights of

the buildings alongside this eastern boundary and the siting of buildings within the masterplan are orientated within the illustrative masterplan to have a better relationship with existing properties. It is considered that distances retained, coupled with the changes to the orientation of buildings, will ensure that the issue of overlooking is suitably addressed within the detailed reserved matters stage and an acceptable relationship can be created that will not lead to loss of residential amenity.

A number of objections have been received in respect of the loss of view across this currently open site. Members are reminded that loss of a private view is not a material planning consideration and cannot justify refusal of the application. However the siting and in particular heights of the proposed buildings have previously been assessed within the context of the site's position within the overall landscape and as a result amendment to the original scheme has been made.

Heritage Assets

In accordance with advice contained within the NPPF local authorities have a duty to consider heritage assets that may be affected by a proposal. The whole of the University Campus site, which includes the application site, lies within a Historic Garden and Park as identified in the Exeter Local Plan First Review and is covered by Policy C4. The policy seeks to prevent loss of features that are integral to the Park's character or appearance and would detract from its enjoyment, layout or setting. The site is currently an arable field which is identified for development within the University's Masterplan. The applicant's design for the site is landscape led, taking account of the relief of the site and the context of the development in its wider landscape setting area, which includes the existing Campus. It is acknowledged that the Arboretum forms an important element within the historic park designation and the revised plans have resulted in a greater area of land being retained between the built form and this established area of mature vegetation. In addition, the application includes a 25 metre central undeveloped strip which seeks to provide a structural area of open space within the development and help its integration within the surrounding area. Consequently it is considered that the scheme is appropriate within the context of Local Plan Policy C4.

The Pennsylvania Conservation Area lies to the east of the site, although a belt of existing mature trees mitigates views to and from the application site to this area. The closest listed building is Grade II Hoopern House which is approximately 120 metres from the application site boundary. Lopes Hall, which is also Grade II listed, is located approximately 80 metres to the south of the application site and lies within the University Campus. Members are advised that their statutory duty in matters of setting of listed buildings and Conservation Areas under Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 is to give special regard to the desirability of preserving and enhancing the character or appearance of the area and siting of listed buildings. It is considered that the distances from the application site and the presence of existing mature landscape would represent an acceptable relationship between the development and these recognised heritage assets. Further guidance on this issue is contained within NPPF paragraph 134 which states that '*where a development will lead to less than substantial harm to significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal, including securing its optimum viable use*'. It is considered that paragraph 134 of the NPPF has been properly considered against this development and the application provides the appropriate quantum of development as dealt with elsewhere within this report. Historic England raise no comment to the scheme and state that the application should be considered in accordance with local and national policy. The Council's Heritage Officer has raised no objection to the application subject to a condition requiring further archaeological works being imposed.

Flooding

The applicant has submitted a Flood Risk Assessment which states that the site is located within Flood Zone 1, is not within a critical drainage area and has no history of surface water flooding. The report concludes that the drainage proposed for the site through mainly a sealed attenuation facility coupled with a partial infiltration facility would meet national and local policy and offer betterment, alleviating existing flood issues, which occurs as a result of the natural run off and gradient associated with this particular area of land. However both the County and City Flood/Drainage Officer have raised concern about the lack of detail contained within the report in respect of times of high rainfall, lack of mitigation which incorporate SUDS measures and an overall comment that the scheme does not address historical problems of flooding downstream of the site in the Hoopern Valley area and beyond. It is considered that the development of this site and related University land could offer a long term solution, which would help safeguard downstream properties from flooding. This issue has been raised with the applicant who have stated that they are happy to continue to discuss how this might be addressed and have made a commitment to carrying on this dialogue to arrive at a satisfactory solution.

Sustainable Construction

The applicant has submitted a Sustainability Statement which demonstrates their commitment to minimising the environmental impacts of the development. They have confirmed a willingness to accept a condition that requires BREEAM excellent and have stated that they will promote a development which will include passive design measures and low and zero carbon technologies to reduce emissions. It is acknowledged that the detailed design of the future buildings is not known at this stage and no decentralised heating network currently exists in the area. However the need to comply with Core Strategy Policies CP13 and CP15 remain important considerations for the future design and layout of the site. Given the scale and location of development proposed it is considered important that the potential viability and feasibility of a decentralised energy system is considered in the detailed assessment of sustainable design and construction required by policy CP15. It is considered that suitable conditions are required to address these issues.

Summary

The proposal complies with the development plan policies, which conclude that the principle of the development of this site is appropriate. Whilst it is acknowledged that the use of the site is now for student accommodation rather than for academic buildings, as stated within the University Masterplan, it is considered that the area is suitable for this purpose. Indeed given the recent number of student accommodation schemes submitted in off Campus locations, the proposal for such a significant number of bed spaces within a sustainable location on Campus is to be welcomed. It is accepted that the quantum of development proposed is substantial however it is considered that a reduction of 13% is significant and the parameter plan does show both a greater amount of open space being retained to east boundary. The proposed building heights to accommodate this would have a considerable impact on the character and appearance of the area but the containment of the taller buildings within the central and lower section of the site is appropriate. However it is an accepted planning practice that where development is considered acceptable in principle, most efficient use of the land should be sought. Whilst this does not mean that any number of buildings or storey heights proposed would be acceptable, it is considered that the information submitted within the amended plans indicates that a suitable scheme of this scale can be achieved without resulting in overdevelopment or detriment to the landscape setting of the area. This outline application seeks to establish the principle of student accommodation on the site and it will be at the reserved matters stage, which will ensure that

the details raised by the numerous objections received, as already highlighted within this report, are dealt with. It is therefore recommended that the application is approved.

The application will require a financial contribution of £20,000 towards the delivery of a Traffic Regulation Order for nearby residential areas, which will be included within the Section 106 Agreement. The creation of 32,230 sq metres of student accommodation will equate to £1,645,986 of CIL based on the 2017 figure of £51.07 per sq metre. In addition, the development will receive New Homes Bonus, although the actual amount will be dependent on the split of cluster flats and studio accommodation, which is not known at this outline application stage.

DELEGATION BRIEFING

25 October 2016 - Members were advised that the scheme is for a change from the adopted University's Masterplan, as this site had previously been identified for academic buildings and not student accommodation as now proposed. Whilst the principle of student accommodation on the University Campus was considered appropriate a number of issues would need to be considered including:-

- i) it would be important to consider the development's visual impact given the applicant's intended building heights;
- ii) the scheme would bring students closer to existing residential properties and therefore potential for parking issues and noise and disturbance, one Member remarking that parking in particular was a strong point of contention and had been raised at a recent public meeting because of the impact on nearby residential roads;
- iii) given the sloping nature of the site, there would be a need to identify principal views and assess the visual impact of the proposed development on the surrounding landscape;
- iv) wildlife and localised nature issues considered supported by appropriate ecological surveys and mitigation measures; and
- v) BREEAM standards excellent required and a contribution towards decentralised energy infrastructure investigated.

RECOMMENDATION

Subject to the completion of a Section 106 Agreement securing a Student Management Plan and a financial contribution towards a Traffic Regulation Order **APPROVE** the application subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) Approval of the details of the layout, scale, appearance of the buildings, the means of access thereto and the landscaping of the site (hereinafter called "the reserved matters") shall be obtained from the Local Planning Authority in writing before any development is commenced.
Reason: To safeguard the rights of control by the Local Planning Authority in respect of the reserved matters.
- 2) C07 - Time Limit - Outline
- 3) The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the Land Use Parameters Plan (250001B Rev D); Building Heights Parameter Plan (dwg no. 250001B/P004 rev C) & Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy Plan (250001B/P006 Rev C) dated 31 March 2017 as modified by other conditions of this consent.

Reason: In order to ensure compliance with the approved drawings.

- 4) Before works commence on any individual building(s) details of the finished floor levels and overall roof heights of the building(s) in relation to a fixed point or O.S datum (not to exceed the AOD specified in the Building Heights Parameter Plan dwg no 250001B/P004 rev B) have been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and the appropriate development of the site.

- 5) No development shall take place until an Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan, to include recommendations contained within the Lindsay Carrington Ecological Services report dated November 2016, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The Management Plan shall indicate
- a) how the existing biodiversity of the site will be protected, in accordance with all relevant legislation;
 - b) how the proposed development and associated works will enhance wildlife in the area and
 - c) how the landscaped area is to be managed to include an ecological clerk of works and shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for review on a 24 month basis unless otherwise agreed in writing;

Reason: In the interests of nature conservation.

- 6) C36 - No Trees to be Felled

- 7) No development (including ground works) or vegetation clearance works shall take place until a Construction Environmental Method Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Statement shall provide for:
- a) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors.
 - b) Loading and unloading of plant and materials.
 - c) Storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development.
 - d) The erection and maintenance of securing hoarding, if appropriate, which shall be kept clear of graffiti and fly-posting.
 - e) Wheel washing facilities.
 - f) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction.
 - g) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from construction works, with priority given to reuse of building materials on site wherever practicable.
 - h) No burning on site during construction or site preparation works
 - i) Measures to minimise noise nuisance to neighbours from plant and machinery.
 - j) Construction working hours and deliveries from 8:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday, 8:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
- The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period of the development.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity.

- 8) No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a Construction Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The statement should include details of route of construction traffic vehicles, access arrangements, timings and management of arrivals and departures of vehicles. The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and public amenity

- 9) No development shall take place on site until a full investigation of the site has taken place to determine the extent of, and risk posed by, any contamination of the land and the results, together with any remedial works necessary, have been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The building(s) shall not be occupied until the approved remedial works have been implemented and a remediation statement submitted to the Local Planning Authority detailing what contamination has been found and how it has been dealt with together with confirmation that no unacceptable risks remain.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity

- 10) The applicant shall undertake a noise impact assessment for this application, which shall be submitted and approved in writing prior to commencement of the development. This report shall consider the impact of noise from the development on local receptors and shall include noise from plant and equipment as well as noise from deliveries, communal areas, residents and events. If, following the above assessment, the LPA concludes that noise mitigation measures are required, the applicant shall then submit a scheme of works to ensure that the development does not have a significant negative impact on local amenity. These measures shall be agreed in writing by the LPA and shall be implemented prior to and throughout the occupation of the development.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity.

- 11) Prior to the commencement of the development an assessment of the impact of all external lighting associated with the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The assessment should address the impact of the lights (including hours of use) on the nearest receptors. Thereafter the lighting shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the specifications within the assessment.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity.

- 12) No development shall take place on site until an air quality assessment for any combined heat and power (CHP) plant has been carried out in accordance with a programme and methodology to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the results, together with any mitigation measures necessary, have been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall not be occupied until the approved mitigation measures have been implemented.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity.

- 13) No part of the development hereby approved shall be brought into its intended use until secure cycle parking facilities have been provided and maintained in accordance with details that shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority and retained for that purpose at all times

Reason: To ensure that adequate facilities are available for the traffic attracted to the site

- 14) No part of the development hereby approved shall be occupied until the 2010 masterplan framework proposal for a permissive pedestrian/cycle route linking the Campus to Higher Hoopern Lane in the vicinity of Higher Hoopern Farm (as indicated on the Movement and Access Parameter Plan (dwg no. 250001B/P005 Rev B) has been provided in accordance with details that shall previously have

been submitted to, agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
Reason: To provide adequate facilities to promote the use of sustainable modes, in accordance with paragraphs 29 and 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 15) C57 - Archaeological Recording
- 16) Unless it is demonstrated that it is not viable or feasible, or that equivalent carbon emission abatement can be achieved by alternative means, the development hereby approved shall be constructed with centralised space heating and hot water systems that have been designed and constructed to be compatible with a low temperature hot water District Heating Network in accordance with the CIBSE guidance "Heat Networks: Code of Practice for the UK". The layout of the plant room or rooms, showing provision for heat exchangers and for connection to a District Heating Network, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the approved details shall be implemented on site unless otherwise agreed in writing.
Reason: In accordance with the requirements of policies CP13 and CP15 of the Exeter Core Strategy 2012 and DD32 of the Development Delivery DPD Publication Draft and in the interests of sustainable development.
- 17) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority the development hereby approved shall achieve an overall BREEAM scoring of "excellent" (70 percent or greater). Prior to commencement of development the developer shall submit to the Local Planning Authority a BREEAM design stage assessment report, the score expected to be achieved. Where this does not meet the above requirements the developer must provide details of what changes will be made to the development to achieve that standard, and thereafter implement those changes. A post completion BREEAM report shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within 3 months of the substantial completion of any such building hereby approved. The required BREEAM assessments shall be prepared, and any proposed design changes approved prior to commencement of the development, by a licensed BREEAM assessor.
Reason: To ensure that the proposal is in accordance with the aims of Policy CP15 of Council's Adopted Core Strategy and in the interests of delivering sustainable development.
- 18) Before the submission of first application for approval of reserved matters a detailed sustainable design and construction strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local planning Authority. Submissions for approval of reserved matters shall be in accordance with the approved strategy.
Reason: In accordance with the requirements of policy CP15 of the Exeter Core Strategy 2012.
- 19) This consent does not imply the approval of the details of access, siting, layout or design shown on the illustrative masterplan, which must be the subject of a further application for approval of reserved matters.
Reason: To safeguard the rights of control by the Local Planning Authority in respect of the reserved matters.
- 20) The development hereby permitted shall be limited to a total floor area of 32,230 sq metres.
Reason: To ensure that the environmental and residential amenity considerations

are safeguarded.

Local Government (Access to Information) 1985 (as amended).

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- Drawing Key**
- application site boundary (5.138ha)
 - other land owned by the applicant
 - existing tree

Notes/Revisions

East Park Student Residences
University of Exeter



Site Location Plan

250001B/P001	Revision: Rev -
PLANNING	Date issued: Sept 2016
1:2500@A1	Drawn by: RDC Checked by: TRW

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Agenda Item 5

ITEM NO. 6.

COMMITTEE DATE: 24/04/2017

APPLICATION NO: 17/0302/02
APPLICANT: Mr Worth
PROPOSAL: Reserved matters pursuant to outline approval 14/4716/01 for construction of a single dwelling on land West of Pennsylvania Road (Revised Scheme).
LOCATION: Land adjacent to, 157 Pennsylvania Road, Exeter, EX4
REGISTRATION DATE: 20/02/2017
EXPIRY DATE: 17/04/2017

HISTORY OF SITE

14/4716/01 -	Outline application for the erection of a dwelling	PER	13/04/2015
16/0228/02 -	Reserved matters pursuant to the granting of planning permission ref: 14/4716/01 for the proposed erection of a dwelling on land to the west of Pennsylvania Road	PER	15/04/2016
16/0699/32 -	Discharge of Condition 4 (Materials) and Condition 9 (Site Survey) of application ref: 16/0228/02	PER	12/07/2016

DESCRIPTION OF SITE/PROPOSAL

The application site refers to a plot of land at the top of Pennsylvania Road on the northern edge of the city. The land within and surrounding the site slopes downhill towards the east and south. The site is currently a building site, with a detached dwelling under construction which was approved in 2016 (ref:16/0228/02). The current application seeks permission for revisions to the design of the approved scheme including revised fenestration to the east elevation and revised ground levels to outdoor space.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE APPLICANT

Design and access statement.

REPRESENTATIONS

28 objections received, raising various concerns including procedural matters and some matters of principle that are not considered material to planning. The points that are material planning considerations and that relate to the current application are centred on the visual impact of the proposed development which is seen as undesirable, and the feeling that it would have an overbearing impact on the privacy and amenities of nearby residents.

CONSULTATIONS

Southwest Water: standing advice.

PLANNING POLICIES/POLICY GUIDANCE

Central Government Guidance
National Planning Policy Framework

Exeter Local Plan First Review 1995-2011
AP1 - Design and Location of Development
DG1 - Objectives of Urban Design
DG4 - Residential Design and Layout

Other Documents
Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document

OBSERVATIONS

As described above this application seeks approval for a number of revisions to the approved design for a detached dwelling on the site. The development has generated a lot of public interest from nearby residents who are generally unhappy with the scale and height of the approved dwelling on this elevated site on a hilltop location. It is necessary to separate the displeasure with the previously approved development from the development proposed in the current application. In that regard very few of the objections referred specifically to the amendments to the previously approved design. The changes from the previously approved scheme comprise revised window design and layout on the east elevation and changes to the approved ground levels within the garden area of the site.

The approved design shows a pair of glazed doors and a window on either side of the central stairwell on the ground floor and two pairs of glazed doors on either side of the stairwell on first floor. The proposed design would replace all of these windows with a single massive pair of sliding glazed doors, so that there would be one serving each of the rooms on either side of the central stairwell at ground and first floor level. The single large rooflight in the east roof slope would be replaced by a pair of large rooflights. The ground outside the east elevation would be excavated down to lower ground floor level from around the centre of the east elevation back to meet the ground level of the garden space to the north of the dwelling, and a terrace installed at what would have been ground level.

It is considered that the proposed revisions to the window design and layout on the east elevation would not improve the aesthetic quality of the proposed dwelling. However it is considered that the proposed amendments to the previously approved scheme would not result in significant harm to the character or appearance of the site or the surrounding area.

The proposed amendment to the external ground levels and introduction of a terrace area at what would previously have been ground level would not impact significantly on the character or appearance of the area, as it would be mostly screened by the existing boundary treatment and the elevation relative to nearby public views into the site.

With regard to the impacts on the privacy and amenities of nearby residents arising from the proposed development, the agent has confirmed that the application does not seek to increase the height of the building. The changes to the window design and layout would not introduce any new opportunities for overlooking and would not make worse the impact of the previously approved design. There would be no significant increase in the number of windows or the area of glazing.

The proposed changes to ground levels in the garden would not result in a loss of privacy or amenity for nearby residents. The proposed new terrace area would be installed at the same height as the ground level before the proposed excavation works.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve subject to the following conditions:

- 1) C05 - Time Limit - Commencement
- 2) The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than in strict accordance with the following submitted details, as modified by other conditions of this consent:

Drawing no: 2177/100 Rev A; Marypole Head, Site Location Plan; dated March 16 and received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Drawing no: 2177/101 Rev B; Marypole Head; Proposed Site Plan; dated Dec 16 and received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Drawing no: 2177/105 Rev B; Marypole Head, Proposed Landscaping Plan; dated Feb 17 and received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Drawing no: 2177/110 Rev.B; Marypole Head, Proposed Basement & Ground Floor Plans; dated Feb 17 and received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Drawing no: 2177/111 Rev.B; Marypole Head, Proposed First & Second Floor Plans; dated Feb 17 and received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Drawing no: 2177/125 Rev.B; Marypole Head, Proposed Elevations; dated Feb 17 and received by the Local Planning Authority 01 March 2017

Drawing no: 2177/126 Rev B; Marypole Head, Proposed Elevations; dated Feb 17 and received by the Local Planning Authority 03 March 2017

Drawing no: 2177/127 Rev A; Marypole Head, Proposed Elevations; dated Feb 17 and received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Drawing no: 2177/128 Rev A; Marypole Head, Proposed Elevations; dated Feb 17 and received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Ref no: 2177/150 Rev B; Design & Access Statement; received by the Local Planning Authority 20 Feb 2017

Reason: In order to ensure compliance with the approved drawings and details.

- 4) Prior to the commencement of any works on site, samples of the materials to be used externally in the construction of the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the works shall be carried out in accordance with these agreed details.

Reason: To ensure that the materials conform with the visual amenity requirements of the area.

- 5) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1995 or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order, no extension, garages or other development shall be carried out within the curtilage of the dwelling(s) without the formal consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to protect the visual and residential amenities of the surrounding area and to prevent overdevelopment.

- 6) The landscaping scheme submitted and approved shall be carried out within one year of completion of the development and any trees, hedges, shrubs or plants which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

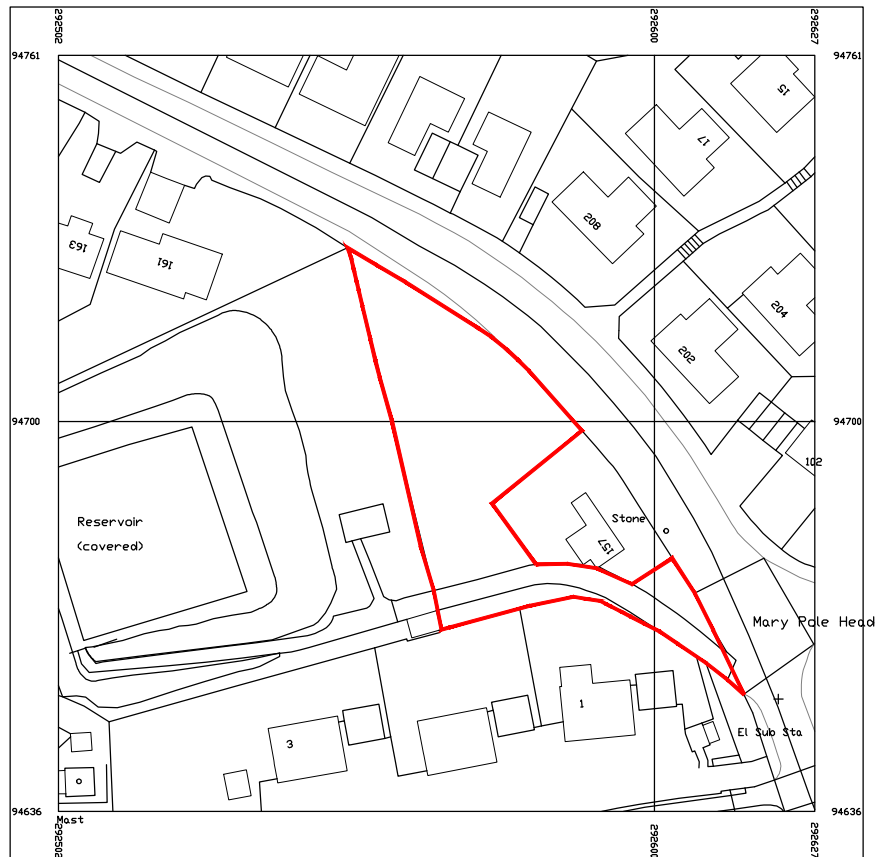
Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

- 7) No part of the development hereby approved shall be brought into its intended use until the access improvements have been provided in accordance with drawing 2010-68.P1.0 of application ref: 14/0648/03 and maintained for this purpose at all times.
Reason: To provide a safe and suitable access for all users, in accordance with paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 8) Construction/demolition work shall not take place outside the following times: 8am to 6pm (Mondays to Fridays); 8am to 1pm (Saturdays); nor at any time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.
Reason: To protect the amenity of neighbouring residents during the construction of the dwelling

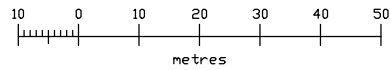
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Agenda Item 6

ITEM NO.

COMMITTEE DATE:

24/04/2017

APPLICATION NO:

16/1523/03

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

APPLICANT:

Mr Harvey

PROPOSAL:

Loft conversion with rooflights

LOCATION:

1 Harringcourt House, 18 Harrington Lane, Exeter, EX4
8PG

REGISTRATION DATE:

07/03/2017

EXPIRY DATE:

02/05/2017

HISTORY OF SITE

16/1524/07 - Loft conversion with rooflights

16/1523/03 - Loft conversion with rooflights

15/1254/07 - Replacement windows

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DESCRIPTION OF SITE/PROPOSAL

The proposal relates to a Grade II listed building - a former farmhouse that has been subdivided into two separate dwellings. No. 1 Harringcourt House is the closest property to Harrington Lane and is a two storey rendered building of mixed stone and timber construction. It lies at a right-angle to Harrington Lane with a hipped gable facing the road. Internally, surviving fireplaces date the core of the building to the 16th century although there have been many later alterations from the 17th century onwards. Applications for planning permission and listed building consent have been submitted to convert the loft area into additional living space. The rooms would be lit by 4 new rooflights located on the rear roof slope.

REPRESENTATIONS

None received.

CONSULTATIONS

None received.

PLANNING POLICIES/POLICY GUIDANCE

Central Government Guidance

Core Planning Principle 10

Exeter Local Development Framework Core Strategy
Objectives 8 and 9

Exeter Local Plan First Review 1995-2011

C2 - Listed Buildings

C5 - Archaeology

DG1 - Objectives of Urban Design

OBSERVATIONS

The key considerations in assessing this scheme are the impacts of the proposals on historic fabric and the character and appearance of a Grade II listed building.

In respect of the former, an expert in historic building recording and interpretation was appointed to inspect the building and identify any important fabric that would be affected by the development. His report, which forms part of the submission, provides a detailed analysis

of the roof space. The most noteworthy feature is the remains of a hipped gable at the northern end of the property, which indicates that the first floor at No.2 Harringcourt House is a later addition to the farmhouse. In order to ensure that this fabric can be retained, it is not intended that the loft conversion will extend into this part of the roof space.

The report indicates that the loft conversion would not result in any significant harm to the historic interest of the building. It concludes:-

"The impact of these works would principally affect the roof space, necessitating the removal of at least some of the present horizontal ties and stiffening structures to create unencumbered floor space. As these timbers all appear to be secondary or even tertiary, and as the removal of the ties would not involve the dismantling of historic carpentry joints contemporary with the original roof, this alteration may be considered of relatively low impact. The insertion of new tie rods or timbers at a lower level, to secure the roof and reinforce the ceilings might well disturb the present 19th century ceilings, but might also expose the remains of earlier tie beams at the foot of each truss. The provision of rooflights within the late 19th century roof structure may necessitate the moving or repositioning of earlier common rafters, but this is unlikely to impact seriously upon the historic structure as many of these timbers are already loose, or have been truncated, and no early battens remain on the eastern and western sides of the roof."

It also notes that the staircase would only impact on a part of a 19th century ceiling currently enclosed by cupboards and would therefore be unlikely to have any serious impact on significant historic fabric or the existing character of the interiors. On this basis, no objections are raised to the impact of the proposals on the interior of the listed building.

Externally, four rooflights are proposed on the rear roof slope of the building. Initially, it had been proposed to locate the rooflights on the front elevation. However, in order to protect the appearance of the front facade, the Case Officer requested that the rooflights be moved to the rear, where there are already several modern interventions including windows and a conservatory. The applicant and agent agreed to this and subsequently amended the scheme. In order to minimise their visual impact, the proposed rooflights would be conservation type, have recessed flashings and constructed from aluminium painted black. Overall, it is considered that the rooflights would not be harmful to the character of the building.

In conclusion, for the reasons given above, it is recommended that the scheme be granted planning permission and listed building consent.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE subject to the following conditions:

- 1) A01 - Time Limit - full
- 2) The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than in strict accordance with the submitted details received by the Local Planning Authority on 31 January 2017 (dwg. nos. 1607-03A, 1607-04A and 1607-05) and 7 March 2017 (Page 27 of Velux Product Brochure dated 4 April 2016), as modified by other conditions of this consent.
Reason: In order to ensure compliance with the approved drawings.
- 3) Unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority, the proposed rooflights shall have recessed flashings and be constructed from aluminium, painted black with a white painted timber internal finish.
Reason: In order to protect the character of a Grade II listed building.

Local Government (Access to Information) 1985 (as amended).
Background papers used in compiling the report:

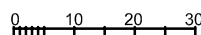
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LOCATION PLAN

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HISTORY OF SITE

16/1524/07 -	Loft conversion with rooflights	
16/1523/03 -	Loft conversion with rooflights	
15/1254/07 -	Replacement windows	UNK

DESCRIPTION OF SITE/PROPOSAL

The proposal relates to a Grade II listed building - a former farmhouse that has been subdivided into two separate dwellings. No. 1 Harringcourt House is the closest property to Harrington Lane and is a two storey rendered building of mixed stone and timber construction. It lies at a right-angle to Harrington Lane with a hipped gable facing the road. Internally, surviving fireplaces date the core of the building to the 16th century although there have been many later alterations from the 17th century onwards. Applications for planning permission and listed building consent have been submitted to convert the loft area into additional living space. The rooms would be lit by 4 new rooflights located on the rear roof slope.

REPRESENTATIONS

None received.

CONSULTATIONS

None received.

PLANNING POLICIES/POLICY GUIDANCE

Central Government Guidance
Core Planning Principle 10

Exeter Local Development Framework Core Strategy
Objectives 8 and 9

Exeter Local Plan First Review 1995-2011
C2 - Listed Buildings
C5 - Archaeology
DG1 - Objectives of Urban Design

OBSERVATIONS

The key considerations in assessing this scheme are the impacts of the proposals on historic fabric and the character and appearance of a Grade II listed building.

In respect of the former, an expert in historic building recording and interpretation was appointed to inspect the building and identify any important fabric that would be affected by the development. His report, which forms part of the submission, provides a detailed analysis of the roof space. The most noteworthy feature is the remains of a hipped gable at the northern end of the property, which indicates that the first floor at No.2 Harringcourt House is a later addition to the farmhouse. In order to ensure that this fabric can be retained, it is not intended that the loft conversion will extend into this part of the roof space.

The report indicates that the loft conversion would not result in any significant harm to the historic interest of the building. It concludes:-

"The impact of these works would principally affect the roof space, necessitating the removal of at least some of the present horizontal ties and stiffening structures to create unencumbered floor space. As these timbers all appear to be secondary or even tertiary, and as the removal of the ties would not involve the dismantling of historic carpentry joints contemporary with the original roof, this alteration may be considered of relatively low impact. The insertion of new tie rods or timbers at a lower level, to secure the roof and reinforce the ceilings might well disturb the present 19th century ceilings, but might also expose the remains of earlier tie beams at the foot of each truss. The provision of rooflights within the late 19th century roof structure may necessitate the moving or repositioning of earlier common rafters, but this is unlikely to impact seriously upon the historic structure as many of these timbers are already loose, or have been truncated, and no early battens remain on the eastern and western sides of the roof."

It also notes that the staircase would only impact on a part of a 19th century ceiling currently enclosed by cupboards and would therefore be unlikely to have any serious impact on significant historic fabric or the existing character of the interiors. On this basis, no objections are raised to the impact of the proposals on the interior of the listed building.

Externally, four rooflights are proposed on the rear roof slope of the building. Initially, it had been proposed to locate the rooflights on the front elevation. However, in order to protect the appearance of the front facade, the Case Officer requested that the rooflights be moved to the rear, where there are already several modern interventions including windows and a conservatory. The applicant and agent agreed to this and subsequently amended the scheme. In order to minimise their visual impact, the proposed rooflights would be conservation type, have recessed flashings and constructed from aluminium painted black. Overall, it is considered that the rooflights would not be harmful to the character of the building.

In conclusion, for the reasons given above, it is recommended that the scheme be granted planning permission and listed building consent.

RECOMMENDATION

REPORT TO: PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 24 APRIL 2017

Report of: Assistant Director City Development

Title: Delegated Decisions

1 WHAT IS THE REPORT ABOUT

1.1 This report lists planning applications determined and applications that have been withdrawn between the date of finalising the agenda of the last Planning Committee and the date of finalising this agenda. Applications are listed by ward.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are requested to advise the Assistant City Development Manager Planning (Roger Clotworthy) or City Development Manager (Andy Robbins) of any questions on the schedule prior to the meeting of the Planning Committee.

2.2 Members note the report.

3 PLANNING APPLICATION CODES

3.1 The latter part of the application reference number indicates the type of application:

- 01 Outline Planning Permission
- 02 Approval of Reserved Matters
- 03 Full Planning Permission
- 04 Works to Tree(s) with Preservation Order
- 05 Advertisement Consent
- 06 Works to Tree(s) in Conservation Area
- 07 Listed Building Consent
- 14 Demolition in Conservation Area
- 16 Exeter City Council Regulation 3
- 17 Lawfulness of Existing Use/Development
- 18 Certificate of Proposed Use/Development
- 21 Telecommunication Apparatus Determination
- 25 County Matter Application
- 26 Devon County Council Application
- 27 Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligation Regulations
- 37 Non Material Amendment
- 38 Extension to Extant Planning Consent
- 39 Extension - Prior Approval
- 40 Office to Dwelling - Prior Approval

3.2 The decision type uses the following codes:

- DREF Deemed Refusal
- DTD Declined To Determine
- NLU Was Not Lawful Use
- PAN Prior Approval Not Required
- PAR Prior Approval Required
- PER Permitted
- REF Refuse Planning Permission
- RNO Raise No Objection
- ROB Raise Objections
- SPL Split Decision
- WDN Withdrawn by Applicant
- WLU Was Lawful Use
- WTD Withdrawn - Appeal against non-determination

**ANDY ROBBINS
CITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

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Exeter City Council

24/04/2017

**All Planning Decisions Made and
Withdrawn Applications Between 9/3/2017 and 11/4/2017**

ALPHINGTON

Application Number: 16/0314/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 27/09/2016 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 10/03/2017 DEL
Location: Garages opposite, 38 Wellington Road, Exeter, EX2 9DU
Proposal: Demolition of garages to be replaced with a 3 bed detached dwelling.
(Amended Scheme - Flood Risk Assessment).

Application Number: 16/1676/07 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 17/03/2017 DEL
Location: Double Locks Hotel, Canal Banks, Exeter, EX2 6LT
Proposal: Replacement roof covering.

Application Number: 17/0117/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 17/03/2017 DEL
Location: Double Locks Hotel, Canal Banks, Exeter, EX2 6LT
Proposal: Provision of external bar and re-positioning of existing play area.

Application Number: 17/0118/07 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 17/03/2017 DEL
Location: Double Locks Hotel, Canal Banks, Exeter, EX2 6LT
Proposal: Provision of external bar and re-positioning of existing play area.

Application Number: 16/1610/07 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 20/03/2017 DEL
Location: The Cowick Barton Public House, 121 Cowick Lane, Exeter, EX2 9HF
Proposal: Extension and alteration to Listed Building

Application Number:	17/0403/18	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Was lawful use	Decision Date:	21/03/2017 DEL
Location:	70 Cowick Hill, Exeter, EX2 9NJ		
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension.		
Application Number:	17/0271/04	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	23/03/2017 DEL
Location:	Stone Lane Retail Park, Marsh Barton Road, Marsh Barton Trading Estate, Exeter, EX2 8LH		
Proposal:	Various tree works (T1 - T66) including felling and replacement planting - please refer to work schedule for full description of proposed works.		
Application Number:	16/0872/03	Delegation Briefing:	21/03/2017 0
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	24/03/2017 COM
Location:	Former B & Q Retail, Alphington Road, Exeter, EX2 8HG		
Proposal:	Extension to retail warehouse of 1,363 sq m (GIA) to be used primarily for the sale of garden centre goods, poultry and pet products, and decorative items including housewares and gardenware (Use Class A1), with ancillary internal cafe (190 sq m), following demolition of wall/fence (re-revised description).		
Application Number:	16/0993/03	Delegation Briefing:	21/03/2017 0
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	24/03/2017 COM
Location:	Former B & Q Store, Alphington Road, Exeter, EX2		
Proposal:	Change of use of part of retail warehouse service yard to external garden centre (ancillary A1 use), insertion of glazed doors on Northeast elevation of warehouse and erection of 3M fence.		
Application Number:	17/0312/07	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	24/03/2017 DEL
Location:	Osborne House, Alphington Road, Alphington, Exeter, EX2 8SA		
Proposal:	Internal alterations including removal of damaged oak post and insertion of rolled steel joists (RSJs) in front room ceiling and dividing wall between kitchen and front room		
Application Number:	17/0434/06	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	24/03/2017 DEL
Location:	Ewhurst, Little Johns Cross Hill, Exeter, EX2 9PL		
Proposal:	T1 - Copper Beech - Reduce by 25% T2, 3 and 4 - Poplar - Reduce height by 50%		

Application Number: 16/1195/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 08/11/2016 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 05/04/2017 DEL
Location: Zone C, Matford Green Business Park, Yeoford Way, Marsh Barton Trading Estate, Exeter, EX
Proposal: Motor dealership with showroom, workshop, MOT and valeting facilities and associated parking and landscaping.

Application Number: 17/0177/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 10/03/2017 DEL
Location: 1 Cowick Court, EXETER, EX2 9FE
Proposal: Side extension to dwelling

Application Number: 17/0256/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 15/03/2017 DEL
Location: 129 Cowick Lane, Exeter, EX2 9HF
Proposal: New vehicular access

DURYARD & ST JAME

Application Number: 17/0173/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 10/03/2017 DEL
Location: 13 Highcross Road, Exeter, EX4 4NP
Proposal: Loft conversion and rear dormer extension

Application Number: 17/0303/37 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 04/04/2017 DEL
Location: St James Park, Stadium Way, Exeter, EX4 6PX
Proposal: Non material amendment to football stadium to include minor changes to siting of new grandstand by 1.5 metres and the away stand by 0.75 metres; relocation and refurbishment of existing turnstile facility to Well Street; repositioning of two storey control centre/first aid room alongside new away stand; repositioning of new toilet blocks behind away stand; improvements to players and refereeing accommodation and new ticket office under existing main stand and repositioning of turnstiles and emergency gates to serve Big Bank Stand as part of planning application 15/1283/03 granted consent on 13 May 2016.

Application Number:	17/0532/37	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	04/04/2017	DEL
Location:	71 West Garth Road, Exeter, EX4 5AN			
Proposal:	Minor changes to position and layout of fenestration and doors			
Application Number:	17/0514/07	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permission Required	Decision Date:	28/03/2017	DEL
Location:	12 Howell Road, Exeter, EX4 4LG			
Proposal:	Remove porch lobby castellations and cap parapet wall, replace porch roof canopy, install new timber side gate, enlarge rear flat roof and install vertical replacement glazing.			
Application Number:	17/0397/06	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	DEL
Location:	99 Pennsylvania Road, Exeter, EX4 6DT			
Proposal:	T1 - Cypress - Fell T2 - Lime - Fell T3 - Cypress - Reduce height by approximately 4m.			
Application Number:	17/0282/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	27/03/2017	DEL
Location:	37 Danes Road, Exeter, EX4 4LS			
Proposal:	Demolition of existing lean-to extension (conservatory) and formation of replacement extension			
Application Number:	16/1560/03	Delegation Briefing:	24/01/2017	0
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	21/03/2017	COM
Location:	16 Mowbray Avenue, Exeter, EX4 4HB			
Proposal:	Change of use to Sui Generis (7 Bed HMO) and replacement of rear conservatory and store			
Application Number:	17/0095/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	DEL
Location:	33 Sidwell Street, Exeter, EX4 6NS			
Proposal:	Installation of awning on shopfront			

Application Number: 17/0096/05 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 DEL
Location: 33 Sidwell Street, Exeter, EX4 6NS
Proposal: Installation of 1X fascia sign; 1 X awning sign; 1X projecting sign and vinyl signs to display window

Application Number: 17/0239/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 DEL
Location: 58 Cowley Bridge Road, Exeter, EX4 5AF
Proposal: Construction of a double size car port.

EXWICK

Application Number: 17/0326/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 DEL
Location: 17 Isleworth Road, Exeter, EX4 1QU
Proposal: Flat roof first floor extension above existing single storey rear extension and new attic dormer (permitted development).

Application Number: 17/0284/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 27/03/2017 DEL
Location: 73 Burrator Drive, Exeter, EX4 2EW
Proposal: Construction of first floor rear extension and rear conservatory

HEAVITREE

Application Number: 17/0270/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 DEL
Location: 41 East Avenue, Exeter, EX1 2DX
Proposal: Rear dormer

Application Number: 17/0241/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 20/03/2017 DEL
Location: 33 Normandy Road, Exeter, EX1 2SR
Proposal: Construction rear of dormer window to give a second floor bedroom and ensuite

Application Number: 17/0248/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 20/03/2017 DEL
Location: 25 South Lawn Terrace, Exeter, EX1 2SW
Proposal: Loft conversion with rear pitched roof dormer.

Application Number: 17/0338/37 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 05/04/2017 DEL
Location: Ladysmith Junior School, Pretoria Road, Exeter, EX1 2PT
Proposal: Non-material amendment of application 15/0950/03 (dwg. nos. 1089-PL02 Rev F, 1089-PL12 Rev A and 1089-PL05 Rev C) with regard to minor changes of the landscaping scheme and following changes:
1. Relocation of existing cycle shelter
2. Erection of a gabion wall north of the new school building
3. Amendment of car parking layout
4. Retaining an existing pond
5. Kitchen roof cowl removed, change design hall roof vents, kitchen and hall adjusted from 8 to 6 degrees
6. Relocation of photovoltaic panels
7. Additional timber fencing

Application Number: 17/0184/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 10/03/2017 DEL
Location: 17 South Avenue, Exeter, EX1 2DZ
Proposal: Alteration and enlargement of existing side extension; construction of single storey rear extension; landscaping/engineering works to front and rear gardens.

MINCINGLAKE & WHII

Application Number: 17/0090/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 03/04/2017 DEL
Location: 71 Iolanthe Drive, Exeter, EX4 9DZ
Proposal: Construction of additional parking space in front garden, parallel to the road.

Application Number: 17/0265/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 24/03/2017 DEL
Location: 23 Hill Barton Lane, Exeter, EX1 3PT
Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of 2 storey extension to south side of the existing dwelling

NEWTOWN

Application Number: 16/1616/02 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 04/04/2017 COM
Location: Exeter Bus & Coach Station Redevelopment Area, Paris Street, Exeter, EX1
Proposal: Application for approval of the details of the layout, scale and appearance of the buildings, the means of access thereto and the landscaping for: Paris Street (Parcel P) and commercial developments (Parcel C).

NEWTOWN & ST LEOI

Application Number: 17/0130/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 04/04/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 04/04/2017 DEL
Location: 28 College Road, Exeter, EX1 1TG
Proposal: Two storey side extension

Application Number: 17/0225/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 03/04/2017 DEL
Location: 27 St. Leonards Road, Exeter, EX2 4LA
Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to East elevation

Application Number: 17/0150/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 21/03/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 24/03/2017 DEL
Location: 4 Archibald Road, Exeter, EX1 1SA
Proposal: Retrospective consent for light well and grating to existing basement on front of property

Application Number: 17/0040/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 28/03/2017 DEL
Location: 19 Matford Avenue, Exeter, EX2 4PL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension, basement and raised patio.

Application Number: 17/0309/07 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 28/03/2017 DEL
Location: 1-16 Magdalen Cottages, Magdalen Road, Exeter, EX2 4SX
Proposal: Glazed doors, false ceilings and new letterboxes to Porches

Application Number: 17/0331/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 28/03/2017 DEL
Location: 7 Gras Lawn, Exeter, EX2 4RZ
Proposal: Change kitchen window and utility room door to folding sliding patio doors and first floor living room window to a Juliet balcony.

Application Number: 17/0416/06 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 27/03/2017 DEL
Location: 32 Matford Avenue, Exeter, EX2 4PL
Proposal: Silver Birch - Trim overhanging branches

Application Number: 17/0033/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 21/03/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 27/03/2017 DEL
Location: 81 Heavitree Road, Exeter, EX1 2LX
Proposal: Construction of balcony over existing entrance porch to front elevation.

Application Number: 17/0361/06 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 16/03/2017 DEL
Location: 23 St. Leonards Road, Exeter, EX2 4LA
Proposal: Reduce Silver Birch height by 1.5m and overall prune

Application Number: 16/1562/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Refuse Planning Permission **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 COM
Location: Builders Yard, Lower Albert Street, EXETER
Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment with student residential accommodation and associated landscape works (Revised Plans reducing from 3 storeys to 2 storeys).

PENNSYLVANIA

Application Number: 17/0272/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 21/03/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 DEL
Location: 61 Rosebank Crescent, Exeter, EX4 6EH
Proposal: Replace existing hipped roof with front facing gable roof

Application Number: 17/0119/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Withdrawn by Applicant **Decision Date:** 27/03/2017
Location: 54 Monks Road, Exeter, EX4 7BB
Proposal: Ground floor rear extension

Application Number: 17/0199/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 17/03/2017 DEL
Location: 1 Abbey Road, Exeter, EX4 7BG
Proposal: Single storey side extension, detached garage and raised boundary wall.

Application Number: 17/0056/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 23/03/2017 DEL
Location: 1 Stoke Meadow Close, Exeter, EX4 5EG
Proposal: 2 storey rear extension.

Application Number: 17/0252/17 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Was lawful use **Decision Date:** 05/04/2017 DEL
Location: 15 Sylvan Avenue, Exeter, EX4 6ES
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing single storey rear extension

Application Number: 17/0244/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Refuse Planning Permission **Decision Date:** 10/04/2017 DEL
Location: 20 Hill Close, Exeter, EX4 6HG
Proposal: Demolition of rear conservatory and rear half of roof: Construction of new rear extension to include additional room in the roof.

PINHOE

Application Number: 15/0829/01 **Delegation Briefing:** 09/02/2016 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 04/04/2017 COM
Location: Land to the north of, Belmoor Lodge, Pilton Lane, Exeter, EX1
Proposal: Outline application for up to eight dwellings with a combined floor space not exceeding 1000m² served from Pilton Lane (all detailed matters i.e. access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for future consideration).

Application Number: 17/0470/17 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Was lawful use **Decision Date:** 05/04/2017 DEL
Location: Peterhayes, Park Lane, Exeter, EX4 9HQ
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of "Peterhayes" as 3 independent residential units

Application Number: 17/0249/37 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 05/04/2017 DEL
Location: Land to north west and south east of The Paddocks, Harts Lane, Exeter, EX1
Proposal: Non material amendment to change from brick to timber cladding on side elevation to carport on plots 114, 144 and 157 to planning application 14/1375/03 approved 25 February 2015

Application Number: 16/0990/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 10/01/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 31/03/2017 DEL
Location: Land to north west and south east of The Paddocks, Harts Lane, Exeter, EX1
Proposal: Revised layout of the northern parcel of the site for the development of 174 residential dwellings along with green infrastructure, public open space, flood alleviation vehicle access points and internal roads, pedestrian/cycle links and associated works. Variation of Condition 2 of 14/1375/03 and variation of Conditions in application 15/0726/03.

Application Number: 16/1243/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 23/03/2017 DEL
Location: Heath Barton House, Beacon Heath, Exeter, EX4 8QW
Proposal: Raise roof of store to create annexe bedroom with two rooflight windows and concealed windows incorporating "over doors" in existing door openings; enclose covered yard with new wall and door/windows, and four rooflight windows in roof; replacement of window with French door on south elevation; enlarged bathroom window on west elevation; groundworks to create level footpath around building to west; and erection of fence along north boundary (retrospective). (Revised)

Application Number: 16/1244/07 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 23/03/2017 DEL
Location: Heath Barton House, Beacon Heath, Exeter, EX4 8QW
Proposal: Raise roof of store of Grade II listed building to create annexe bedroom with two rooflight windows together with other internal/external alterations and erection of fence along north boundary (retrospective). (Revised)

PRIORY

Application Number: 17/0121/01 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Refuse Planning Permission **Decision Date:** 28/03/2017 COM
Location: Land adjoining the West of England School, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2
Proposal: Outline planning application for up to 123 houses and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved except for access.

Application Number: 17/0283/05 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 13/03/2017 DEL
Location: Southernhay Gardens, Exeter, EX1
Proposal: Installation of 1 X post mounted sign

Application Number: 17/0328/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 07/04/2017 DEL
Location: 89a, Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RP
Proposal: Change of use from B1 (Offices) to D1 (Language School) - First, Second and Third Floor only.

Application Number: 17/0531/04 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Split Decision **Decision Date:** 07/04/2017 DEL
Location: Trews Weir Court, Exeter, EX2
Proposal: T1 - Poplar - Reduce by 50%
T2 - Poplar - Fell

Application Number: 17/0544/06 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 10/04/2017 DEL
Location: 5 Friars Walk, Exeter, EX2 4AY
Proposal: Macrocarpa - crown reduction of 3m

Application Number: 17/0345/30 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Prior Approval Not Required **Decision Date:** 28/03/2017 DEL
Location: Maintenance Depot, Exeter St. Davids Railway Station, St. Davids, Exeter, EX4
Proposal: Prior approval for the upgrading of maintenance depot

Application Number: 17/0230/17 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 03/04/2017 DEL
Location: Bartholomew House, Bartholomew Street West, Exeter, EX4 3AJ
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of site as two separate units

Application Number: 16/1681/07 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 16/03/2017 DEL
Location: 3 Southernhay West, Exeter, EX1 1JG
Proposal: Doorway through party wall between 3 & 4 Southernhay West at 2nd floor level

Application Number: 17/0228/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 16/03/2017 DEL
Location: 4 New Bridge Street, Exeter, EX4 3JW
Proposal: Sub division of existing single dwelling (Flat 1) set over two floors, into two single floor dwellings

Application Number: 17/0293/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 20/03/2017 DEL
Location: 16-20 High Street, Exeter, EX4 3LH
Proposal: Installation of new shopfront (Revised scheme based on 16/1251/03)

Application Number: 17/0097/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Withdrawn by Applicant **Decision Date:** 20/03/2017
Location: 9 Little Silver, Exeter, EX4 4HU
Proposal:

Application Number: 17/0098/07 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Withdrawn by Applicant **Decision Date:** 20/03/2017
Location: 9 Little Silver, Exeter, EX4 4HU
Proposal:

Application Number: 17/0273/05 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 DEL
Location: 74 Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX
Proposal: Relocation of 1 no. hanging sign.

Application Number:	17/0274/07	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	DEL
Location:	74 Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX			
Proposal:	Relocation of a hanging sign (retrospective)			

Application Number:	17/0277/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	DEL
Location:	23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter, EX1 1HB			
Proposal:	Change of use for the conversion of former office space into residential use on first floor. The application should be read with NM application relating to previously approved application (ref 15/1035/03).			

Application Number:	17/0278/07	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	DEL
Location:	23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter, EX1 1HB			
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent for the conversion of former office space into residential use on first floor. The application should be read with NM application relating to previously approved application (ref 15/1035/03).			

Application Number:	17/0279/07	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	DEL
Location:	23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter, EX1 1HB			
Proposal:	Installation of new rooflights, upgrade of existing roof access and balustrades to roof terrace and general internal modelling to create 7 no. high end residential units in line with Planning approval ref 15/1035/03.			

Application Number:	17/0295/37	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	DEL
Location:	23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter, EX1 1HB			
Proposal:	Internal floor plan amendments and introduction of rooflights to approved plans (ref. 15/1035/03) for the residential conversion of former offices into 7 no. apartments.			

Application Number:	17/0391/26	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Raise No Objection	Decision Date:	22/03/2017	
Location:	Larkbeare House, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4NG			
Proposal:	Alteration to existing store for use as a civil ceremonies shelter			

Application Number:	17/0158/07	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	27/03/2017	DEL
Location:	1 Iron Bridge, Exeter, EX4 3RB			
Proposal:	Internal alterations; refurbishment of kitchen area and toilets.			

Application Number:	17/0232/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	27/03/2017	DEL
Location:	3 South Street, Exeter, EX1 1DZ			
Proposal:	Formation of seating area outside North East elevation			

Application Number:	17/0233/05	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	27/03/2017	DEL
Location:	3 South Street, Exeter, EX1 1DZ			
Proposal:	Three non-illuminated fascia signs and one illuminated projecting sign			

Application Number:	16/1183/07	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	28/03/2017	DEL
Location:	20 Palace Gate, Exeter, EX1 1JA			
Proposal:	Internal and external alterations to Grade 1 Listed Building to carry out repairs, improvements and investigations for continued use as a dwelling house			

Application Number:	17/0030/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	28/03/2017	DEL
Location:	21 Norwood Avenue, Exeter, EX2 4RT			
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension			

Application Number:	17/0406/37	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	23/03/2017	DEL
Location:	Land at 23 - 26 Mary Arches Street and Quintana Gate, Bartholomew Street West, Exeter, EX4			
Proposal:	Non-material amendments sought for internal layout amendments, size and design of eaves to SE Wing, communal lounge and courtyard and addition of louvered doors (to be read with application ref. 16/0662/03).			

Application Number: 17/0468/06 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 24/03/2017 DEL
Location: The Bishop's Palace, Palace Gate, Exeter, EX1 1HY
Proposal: 462 - Copper Beech Reduce crown height by approximately 20%, (reduction of 4-5 metres).
475 - Cork Oak Reduce low limb by approximately 2 metres and reshape.
438 - Lucombe Oak Reduce Tree height to 19-20 metres, spread to 11 metres, cutting back to pruning points undertaken in 2012.

Application Number: 16/1672/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 27/03/2017 DEL
Location: 81 Fore Street, Exeter, EX4 3HR
Proposal: Variation of condition two to approve revised layout including additional terrace areas

Application Number: 17/0099/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 21/03/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 24/03/2017 DEL
Location: 60 Haven Road, Exeter, EX2 8DP
Proposal: Variation of conditions 2, 3, 4 and 6 for revised plans, ancillary bakery including off site sales, ventilation details and revised operating hours (Ref 15/0707/03 granted 18 December 2015)

Application Number: 17/0107/07 **Delegation Briefing:** 21/03/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 24/03/2017 DEL
Location: 60 Haven Road, Exeter, EX2 8DP
Proposal: Alterations for ventilation equipment and signage

ST JAMES

Application Number: 17/0088/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 04/04/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 10/04/2017 DEL
Location: 67 Howell Road, Exeter, EX4 4LZ
Proposal: Change of use from public house to single family dwelling, with external alterations

ST LOYES

Application Number: 17/0421/18 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 03/04/2017 DEL
Location: 6 Old Pavilion Close, Exeter, EX2 5UN
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension with pitched roof

Application Number:	17/0501/37	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	28/03/2017	DEL
Location:	17 Ribston Avenue, Exeter, EX1 3QE			
Proposal:	Non-material amendment to planning application 16/0633/03 to include a new glazed side window and to increase the width of one rear window			
Application Number:	17/0485/18	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	31/03/2017	DEL
Location:	5 Varco Square, Exeter, EX2 5ND			
Proposal:	Single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling.			
Application Number:	17/0478/04	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	29/03/2017	DEL
Location:	1 Blackmore Mews, Exeter, EX2 5SA			
Proposal:	T1 - Common Ash - Crown reduction by 2m and crown lift to a height of 4-5m.			
Application Number:	17/0381/04	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Withdrawn by Applicant	Decision Date:	15/03/2017	DEL
Location:	Hideout, Aspen Close, Exeter, EX2 5RZ			
Proposal:	Scotts Pine - Fell			
Application Number:	17/0333/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	28/03/2017	DEL
Location:	Premier House, Bittern Road, Sowton Industrial Estate, Exeter, EX2 7LW			
Proposal:	Construction of 30m high radio mast in north west corner of site in 5m x 5m fenced compound.			
Application Number:	17/0229/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	20/03/2017	DEL
Location:	17 Royal Crescent, Exeter, EX2 7QT			
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension to property with pitched slate roof and facing brick walls			

ST THOMAS

Application Number: 17/0204/03 **Delegation Briefing:** 21/03/2017 0
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 22/03/2017 DEL
Location: 27 Dunsford Gardens, Exeter, EX4 1LN
Proposal: Hip-to-gable roof extension and rear dormer.

Application Number: 17/0235/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 21/03/2017 DEL
Location: Wylie House, Alphington Street, Exeter, EX2 8AT
Proposal: Retrospective change of use from HMO for 6 people to larger HMO for 8 people (Sui Generis)

Application Number: 17/0332/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 28/03/2017 DEL
Location: 50 Queens Road, Exeter, EX2 9EP
Proposal: Ground floor side extension and remodeling of existing ground floor rear roof

Application Number: 17/0059/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 28/03/2017 DEL
Location: 3 Croft Chase, Exeter, EX4 1TB
Proposal: Single storey rear extension and decking

Application Number: 17/0363/05 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Withdrawn by Applicant **Decision Date:** 15/03/2017
Location: 25 Manor Road, Exeter, EX4 1EN
Proposal: We propose to change the usage of the building to Sui-Generis for use at a Tattoo studio
Sign for tattoo studio, with studio name.

Application Number: 17/0144/03 **Delegation Briefing:**
Decision Type Permitted **Decision Date:** 07/04/2017 DEL
Location: 142 Cowick Street, Exeter, EX4 1AS
Proposal: Construction of rear dormer.

Application Number:	17/0467/18	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	29/03/2017	DEL
Location:	70 Dorset Avenue, Exeter, EX4 1ND			
Proposal:	Alterations to existing garage to form a home office /study involving removal of up and over door and infilling opening with new brick work at low level and installation of a new window above.			

TOPSHAM

Application Number:	17/0428/04	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	29/03/2017	DEL
Location:	11 Trafalgar Road, EXETER, EX2 7GF			
Proposal:	T41 and 42 removal of overhanging branches (see annotated photos)			

Application Number:	17/0486/37	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	03/04/2017	DEL
Location:	6 Towerfield, Clyst Road, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0BZ			
Proposal:	Non-material amendment sought to approved scheme (ref. 16/1153/03) to change roof profile from dual-pitched to mono-pitched.			

Application Number:	17/0382/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	03/04/2017	DEL
Location:	5 Grove Hill, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0EG			
Proposal:	Construction of an octagonal summer house in rear garden			

Application Number:	17/0529/06	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	11/04/2017	DEL
Location:	3 Coysh Square, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0JS			
Proposal:	T1 - Silver Birch - Reduce in height bt 30% and reshape by 20-30% .			

Application Number:	17/0069/03	Delegation Briefing:		
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	06/04/2017	DEL
Location:	65 Somerville Crescent, EXETER			
Proposal:	Retrospective application for the retention of a conservatory			

Application Number:	16/1667/03	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	16/03/2017 DEL
Location:	Little Enterprise, Globe Lane, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0HA		
Proposal:	Loft conversion including front and rear dormers, replacement front extension, widening of access and pitched roof to garage		
Application Number:	16/1632/03	Delegation Briefing:	07/03/2017 0
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	14/03/2017 DEL
Location:	45 Fore Street, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0HY		
Proposal:	Change of use from residential (C3) to creperie/cafe/ice cream parlor (A3) - lower ground floor only.		
Application Number:	17/0203/03	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	10/03/2017 DEL
Location:	21 Higher Shapter Street, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0AW		
Proposal:	Demolition of existing timber garden shed and replacement with a garden office.		
Application Number:	16/1628/03	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	24/03/2017 DEL
Location:	9 High Street, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0EA		
Proposal:	Change of use from commercial to 2 bedroom house		
Application Number:	16/0114/03	Delegation Briefing:	23/02/2016 0
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	23/03/2017 COM
Location:	Land north of Wessex Close, East of Retreat Drive, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0LU		
Proposal:	22 dwellings (houses and flats), associated access through phase 1 landscaping and infrastructure provision		
Application Number:	17/0316/39	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	20/03/2017 DEL
Location:	423 Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 7AB		
Proposal:	Ground floor rear extension. Max. depth from rear wall of original dwelling: 5.3 metres. Max. height: 3 metres. Height at eaves level from ground level: 3 metres.		

Application Number:	17/0245/03	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Permitted	Decision Date:	20/03/2017 DEL
Location:	1 Parkfield Way, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0DP		
Proposal:	Proposed loft conversion including construction of rear dormer window		

Application Number:	16/1140/07	Delegation Briefing:	
Decision Type	Withdrawn by Applicant	Decision Date:	09/03/2017
Location:	2 Monmouth Street, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0AJ		
Proposal:	Demolition of part of boundary wall and sheds to create a parking space		

Total Number of Decisions Made:	125
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Background papers used in compiling the report:

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REPORT TO: PLANNING COMMITTEE**Date of Meeting: 24 APRIL 2017****Report of: Assistant Director City Development****Title: Appeals Report****Is this a Key Decision?**

No

Is this an Executive or Council Function?

No

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 The report provides Members with information on latest decisions received and new appeals since the last report.

2. Recommendation:

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the report.

3 Summary of Decisions received:

- 3.1 Three decisions have been received since the last report.

Application No: 16/0707/03 - East Yard, Ide Lane

This appeal was dismissed. The application related to a site off Ide Lane within the rural part of Alphinbrook Conservation Area and as part of a Valley Park has 'landscape setting' designation. The site is also in Flood Zone 3. The owners had been systematically growing the number of buildings on site for around 14 years to meet their business (mainly storage and vehicle recovery operations) and residential needs. None have planning permission, some are almost certainly lawful. This application related to the newest vehicle storage building which was erected in early 2016. The Council refused to grant retrospective consent on the grounds of harm to conservation area, protecting the landscape setting/valley park and failure to address flood risk matters.

Impact on conservation area / landscape setting

The appellant made much of the fact that the site is besides the A30 but the Inspector did not accept that this was a justification for further development in the immediate area. He accepted the building was only visible from a few limited spots along Doctor's Walk. However, he concluded that the building was not typically agricultural in character and therefore it harmed the undeveloped open character of the conservation area/landscape. He added that the appellant had not demonstrated that a rural location is essential for the building.

He criticised Policy C1 of the Local Plan for not according with the NPPF. He advised that we are required to ascribe the level of harm and to balance this harm against any public benefits. He concluded that the harm is "less than substantial" but that there are no public benefits.

Flood Risk

The Inspector dismissed the appellant's claim that the site had never flooded. He stated clearly that an applicant has to do better than that to satisfy the sequential test.

The Inspector visited the site on 19 December 2016 but the decision has taken nearly three months to arrive.

The Inspector allowed the appeal. The application sought a conservatory on the front elevation.

Application refusal reasons were size, massing and position which would harm the character and appearance of the dwelling and street scene, and impact on neighbour amenity. A similar application was refused in 2015 but allowed on appeal last year due to the conservatory's limited height, extensive glazing and lightweight appearance. The subsequent application was larger, closer to the boundary and introduced significantly more masonry walls.

The Inspector stated that, as the property is set back from the road and there were already a variety of properties in the street scene and a front extension is acceptable. Although the previous appeal "referred to its limited height, extensive glazing and lightweight appearance as favourable considerations, the fact remains that a conservatory of this fairly standard design is a potentially incongruous addition to a front elevation". The decision states the design and size is acceptable for a front addition.

Turning to loss of light and outlook affecting neighbour amenity, the Inspector concluded that no light would be lost and considered it unlikely that the building would appear in the line of sight from the nearest front room of No. 20 due to a hedge and fence. The lack of objection from the neighbour regarding living conditions was noted in the decision.

Application Ref 15/0513/03 – 44 Rivermead Road, St Leonards

The Inspector allowed the appeal. The application sought a single storey rear extension. The extension would have been close to 6 metres in depth as measured from the back wall of the house. The difference in levels between the garden and the house meant the height of the extension resulted in a scheme with considerable massing. The original Case Officer was concerned about the impact on the adjoining neighbouring property, particularly in terms of loss of light and outlook. Although the applicants eventually agreed to reduce the extension to a depth of 4.7 metres, Officers concluded that they still could not support the scheme and refused consent.

The Inspector, whilst accepting the extension would have an impact on the adjacent property and would restrict outlook, did not consider the impact to be unacceptable. He was critical of the fact a sunlight assessment using the nationally recognised Building Research Establishment guidelines had not been carried out. Nonetheless, he saw no need to carry one out himself, despite admitting that he was "unable to give precision to the effect".

4. New Appeals:

4.1 No new appeals have been received:

Assistant Director City Development

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