Planning Development Control Committee

11 January 2017

Item 3 b

Application Number: 16/11406 Full Planning Permission

Site:

Land Adjacent to CLAYHILL COTTAGE, POPLAR LANE,

**BRANSGORE BH23 8JE** 

**Development:** 

1 pair of semi-detached houses; access; parking

Applicant:

Mr Frampton

**Target Date:** 

07/12/2016

**Extension Date:** 

11/01/2017

#### 1 REASON FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Application is by a District Councillor.

# 2 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS

Built up area

# 3 DEVELOPMENT PLAN, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

# **Core Strategy**

#### Objectives

- 1. Special qualities, local distinctiveness and a high quality living environment
- 3. Housing
- 6. Towns, villages and built environment quality

#### **Policies**

CS1: Sustainable development principles

CS2: Design quality

CS15: Affordable housing contribution requirements from developments

CS25: Developers contributions

# <u>Local Plan Part 2 Sites and Development Management Development Plan</u> Document

NPPF1: National Planning Policy Framework – Presumption in favour of sustainable development

DM3: Mitigation of impacts on European nature conservation sites

# 4 RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENT ADVICE

Section 38 Development Plan

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

National Planning Policy Framework

Achieving Sustainable Development

NPPF Ch. 6 - Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes

NPPF Ch. 7 - Requiring good design

# 5 RELEVANT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE AND DOCUMENTS

SPD - Housing Design, Density and Character

SPD - Design of Waste Management Facilities in New Development

SPD - Parking Standards

#### 6 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

6.1 14/11755 - bungalow, detached garage, bin store, parking, access. Refused 11.3.15, appeal withdrawn.

6.2 14/11369 - bungalow, parking access. Refused 10.12.14

# 7 PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bransgore Parish Council - recommend permission and would not accept a delegated refusal. The design and siting of the semi-detached houses does not impact on the surrounding area.

#### 8 COUNCILLOR COMMENTS

None received

#### 9 CONSULTEE COMMENTS

- 9.1 Southern Gas Networks offer advice
- 9.2 Environmental Health (Contamination) no concerns
- 9.3 Hampshire County Council Highway Engineer no objection subject conditions

#### 10 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

None

## 11 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None

#### 12 LOCAL FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS

If this development is granted permission and the dwellings built, the Council will receive New Homes Bonus in each of the following six years from the dwellings' completion. Following the Government Autumn Statement on 17 November 2016 the exact figures in respect of each new property are yet to be confirmed

From the 6 April 2015 New Forest District Council began charging the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on new residential developments.

Based on the information provided at the time of this report this development has a CIL liability of £18,548.07.

Tables setting out all contributions are at the end of this report.

#### 13 WORKING WITH THE APPLICANT/AGENT

In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, New Forest District Council take a positive and proactive approach, seeking solutions to any problems arising in the handling of development proposals so as to achieve, whenever possible, a positive outcome.

# This is achieved by

- Strongly encouraging those proposing development to use the very thorough pre application advice service the Council provides.
- Working together with applicants/agents to ensure planning applications are registered as expeditiously as possible.
- Advising agents/applicants early on in the processing of an application (through the release of a Parish Briefing Note) as to the key issues relevant to the application.
- Updating applicants/agents of issues that arise in the processing of their applications through the availability of comments received on the web or by direct contact when relevant.
- Working together with applicants/agents to closely manage the planning application process to allow an opportunity to negotiate and accept amendments on applications (particularly those that best support the Core Strategy Objectives) when this can be done without compromising government performance requirements.
- Advising applicants/agents as soon as possible as to concerns that cannot be dealt with during the processing of an application allowing for a timely withdrawal and re-submission or decision based on the scheme as originally submitted if this is what the applicant/agent requires.
- When necessary discussing with applicants/agents proposed conditions especially those that would restrict the use of commercial properties or land when this can be done without compromising government performance requirements.

In this case all the above apply and as the application was acceptable as submitted no specific further actions were required.

#### 14 ASSESSMENT

- 14.1 The site lies within but at the edge of the built up area of Bransgore in a residential area. The access around the site and host dwelling leads to a campsite. The site has been fenced off from the host dwelling since the last application, the fence being situated on top of the bank created when the host dwelling was extended in the 1990s. The site is therefore marginally higher than the host dwelling. At present, there is a mature hedge along the majority of the access drive.
- 14.2 The proposal entails the provision of a pair of semi-detached cottages comprising hall, WC, kitchen/dining room and living room at ground floor level with three bedrooms (one ensuite) and a family bathroom at first floor level. Each dwelling would have an access and space for two cars together with a shed which could accommodate cycle parking.

- 14.3 The application follows two previous schemes which have not been viewed favourably in view of the level of site coverage of the proposed building, in both cases, a single-storey dwelling. The scheme under consideration has a smaller footprint, although it is for two dwellings with first floors. This allows for more open space around the building with new hard surfacing to the front of the properties and good sized gardens. In visual terms, the design reflects features on the host dwelling such as gables, chimneys and brick arches. This detailing is more proportionate in relation to the host dwelling than on previous proposals. The dwellings now proposed would be appropriate to local distinctiveness in this area.
- 14.4 The proposal dwellings would have a limited impact on residential amenity as there are no windows on the host dwelling which would be overlooked as a result and other nearby dwellings are sufficiently far enough away not to be affected.
- 14.5 The level of parking is adequate for the size of dwellings proposed and the Highway authority has not raised any objections to the new access point onto the private drive to the campsite.
- 14.6 In the light of National guidance issued in May 2016, it is not felt that a contribution to affordable housing should be sought, even though this would be at odds with Policy CS15 of the Council's Core Strategy which requires many small scale housing developments including the current application proposals to make affordable housing provision.
- 14.7 While the need for affordable housing in this District is pressing, this in itself does not give rise to the sort of circumstances that can be considered exceptional. Therefore it is recommended that no affordable housing or tariff style contributions are sought from this development, in accordance with National Planning Practice Guidance, contrary to the provisions of Policy CS15 of the Core Strategy.
- 14.8 In accordance with the Habitat Regulations 2010 an assessment has been carried out of the likely significant effects associated with the recreational impacts of the residential development provided for in the Local Plan on both the New Forest and the Solent European Nature Conservation Sites. It has been concluded that likely significant adverse effects cannot be ruled out without appropriate mitigation projects being secured. In the event that planning permission is granted for the proposed development, a condition is recommended that would prevent the development from proceeding until the applicant has secured appropriate mitigation, either by agreeing to fund the Council's Mitigation Projects or otherwise providing mitigation to an equivalent standard.
- 14.9 It is considered that the reduced footprint of the scheme is a significant improvement resulting in a better layout, more space around the building and adequate parking provision without harming the visual or residential amenities of the area and permission is therefore recommended.
- 14.10 In coming to this recommendation, consideration has been given to the rights set out in Article 8 (Right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (Right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions) of the European Convention on Human Rights. Whilst it is recognised that there may be an interference with these rights and the rights of other third parties, such interference has to be balanced with the like rights of the applicant to develop the land in the way proposed.

In this case it is considered that the protection of the rights and freedoms of the applicant outweigh any possible interference that may result to any third party.

# **Section 106 Contributions Summary Table**

Proposal:			
Type of Contribution	NFDC Policy Requirement	Developer Proposed Provision	Difference
Affordable Housing			
No. of Affordable dwellings			
Financial Contribution	0	0	0
Habitats Mitigation			
Financial Contribution	£8,500		

# **CIL Summary Table**

Туре	•	Existing Floorspace (sq/m)	Net Floorspace (sq/m)	Chargeable Floorspace (sq/m)	Rate	Total
Dwelling houses	222.44	0	222.44	222.44	£80/ sqm	£18,548.07 *

Subtotal:	£18,548.07
Relief:	£0.00
Total Payable:	£18,548.07

<sup>\*</sup> The formula used to calculate the amount of CIL payable allows for changes in building costs over time and is Index Linked using the All-in Tender Index Price published by the Build Cost Information Service (BICS) and is:

Net additional new build floor space (A) x CIL Rate (R) x Inflation Index (I)

## 15. RECOMMENDATION

# **Grant Subject to Conditions**

# **Proposed Conditions:**

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason:

To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning

Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and

Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Supporting statement, 105, 103, 01B, 03B, 04.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory provision of the development.

3. Before development commences, samples or exact details of the facing and roofing materials to be used shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall only be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure an acceptable appearance of the building in

accordance with policy CS2 of the Core Strategy for the New

Forest District outside the National Park.

4. Before development commences, the proposed slab levels in relationship to the existing ground levels set to an agreed datum shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall only take place in accordance with those details which have been approved.

Reason: To ensure that the development takes place in an appropriate

way in accordance with policy CS2 of the Local Plan for the New Forest District outside the National Park (Core Strategy)

5. The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied until the parking spaces and sheds shown on plan 03B for the parking and garaging of motor vehicles and cycles have been provided. The spaces shown on plan 03B for the parking and garaging of motor vehicles and cycles shall be retained and kept available for their intended use for the dwellings hereby approved at all times.

Reason: To ensure adequate parking provision is made in the interest of

highway safety and in accordance with Policy CS2 and CS24 of the Local Plan for the New Forest outside of the National

Park (Core Strategy).

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any re-enactment of that Order) no extension otherwise approved by Class A of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Order, shall be erected or carried out without express planning permission first having been granted.

Reason: In view of the physical characteristics of the plot, the Local

Planning Authority would wish to ensure that any future development proposals do not adversely affect the visual amenities of the area and the amenities of neighbouring properties, contrary to Policy CS2 of the Local Plan for the New

Forest District outside the National Park (Core Strategy).

7. No development shall be carried out until proposals for the mitigation of the impact of the development on the New Forest and Solent Coast European Nature Conservation Sites have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, and the local planning authority has confirmed in writing that the provision of the proposed mitigation has been secured. Such proposals must:

- (a) Provide for mitigation in accordance with the New Forest District Council Mitigation Strategy for European Sites SPD, adopted in June 2014 (or any amendment to or replacement for this document in force at the time), or for mitigation to at least an equivalent effect;
- (b) Provide details of the manner in which the proposed mitigation is to be secured. Details to be submitted shall include arrangements for the ongoing maintenance and monitoring of any Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces which form part of the proposed mitigation measures together with arrangements for permanent public access thereto.
- (c) The development shall be carried out in accordance with and subject to the approved proposals.

Reason:

The impacts of the proposed development must be mitigated before any development is carried out in order to ensure that there will be no adverse impacts on the New Forest and Solent Coast Nature Conservation Sites in accordance with Policy DM3 of the Local Plan Part 2 and the New Forest District Council Mitigation Strategy for European Sites Supplementary Planning Document.

#### Notes for inclusion on certificate:

1. In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, New Forest District Council takes a positive and proactive approach, seeking solutions to any problems arising in the handling of development proposals so as to achieve, whenever possible, a positive outcome by giving clear advice to applicants.

In this case all the above apply and as the application was acceptable as submitted no specific further actions were required.

2. In discharging condition No. 7. above the Applicant is advised that appropriate mitigation is required before the development is commenced, either by agreeing to fund the Council's Mitigation Projects or otherwise providing mitigation to an equivalent standard. Further information about how this can be achieved can be found here <a href="http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/16478/">http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/16478/</a>

#### **Further Information:**

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