

WRITTEN DEPUTATIONS

Mr Robert Marshall – on behalf of the Fareham Society

Deputation on P/24/0844, 6(5) - Otterholme Holly Lane

The Fareham Society normally limits its observations to the more major developments in the Borough as it is generally those that have the most impact upon it.

However, there are cases where even smaller scale proposals have the potential to cause harm. And this is one such case.

The application site, facing onto the River Hamble Area of Special Landscape Quality (ASLQ) where, as the Society set out in its letter of 30th July 2024, it is essential to prevent any undesirable degree of intrusive development upon the riverside scene.

Avoiding such intrusion is especially important here as the application site is clearly visible from the public footpath along the River Hamble, a footpath used by many people enjoying the attractive scenery of this area.

It is essential, therefore, that the degree of intrusion of the proposed house in comparison with the current property can be fully assessed. And in this most sensitive setting this requires photo-montages of the proposed and existing houses and much clearer plans and elevational drawings of the proposed development overlaying those of the current house. Such information is frequently required on applications of this kind.

The absence of such evidence in this case means that the required judgment cannot be made and the Society urges that either a decision be deferred to obtain it or that permission be refused.

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Deputation on P/23/1549/OA 6(6) - Land east of North Wallington Road

The Fareham Society's views on this application remain unchanged from those given in our previous detailed deputation to the last Planning Committee.

Nothing said in this latest Committee report changes the Society's firm view that the applicant's proposed highway improvements would not provide for safe pedestrian usage or give pedestrians the necessary sense of security to walk into town. Thus, residents of the application site would be more likely to opt for using the private car for such local visits and this renders the application site unsustainably located.

In its report to this Committee the Council says that a kerbed footway, ruled out by the applicant, would cause unacceptable environmental harm. We fully concur with this for all the reasons given. However, in no way does this justify the applicant's stance. Rather it reinforces the unacceptability of the application site for housing.

The Committee report refers again to the applicant's proposed parking restrictions on North Wallington Road to facilitate the proposed options. However, as previously said they would require a Road Traffic Order (RTA) which could not be guaranteed notwithstanding the terms of the Section 106 Agreement in the Officer's recommendation.

The Society recognises that the presumption in favour of sustainable development applies when housing delivery falls below the 75% target over the previous 3 years. However, as outlined above, this proposal would not be sustainable development. The harm of permitting the application would demonstrably outweigh the benefits. Thus, a refusal of permission would be fully justified.

Given the above Society urges that permission be refused.