

REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:	P1592.11 – Garage court adjacent to 66 Aylsham Lane, Romford
	Demolition of 11 garages for erection of 2 No. dwellings with associated car parking
	(Application received 19 th October 2011)
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Policy context:	Local Development Framework
Financial summary:	None
The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives	

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SUMMARY

This application relates to a Council owned garage court. The application proposes the demolition of the existing 11 garages for the erection of $2 \times No$. dwellings with associated parking.

The planning issues are set out in the report below and cover the principle of the development, impact on streetscene, residential amenity and highways/parking. Staff are of the view that the proposal is acceptable and it is recommended that permission be granted subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

1) <u>Time limit:</u> The development to which this permission relates must be commenced not later than three years from the date of this permission.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

2) <u>Accordance with plans:</u> The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than in complete accordance with the approved plans, particulars and specifications.

Reason:

The Local Planning Authority consider it essential that the whole of the development is carried out and that no departure whatsoever is made from the details approved, since the development would not necessarily be acceptable if partly carried out or carried out differently in any degree from the details submitted. Also, in order that the development accords with Development Control Policies Development Plan Document Policy DC61.

3) <u>Parking standards:</u> Before the building(s) hereby permitted is first occupied, provision shall be made for 4 x No. off-street car parking spaces for use by Plot 1 and Plot 2 and thereafter this provision shall be made permanently available for use, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that adequate car parking provision is made off street in the interests of highway safety.

4) <u>Materials:</u> The materials used in the construction of the development hereby permitted shall be Hanson Lindum Barley Mixture bricks for walls and Marley Eternit Modern Interlocking Tile (Old English Dark Red) for roof tiles in accordance with the details supplied on Drawing No. 8430-115-1001 (received 19th October 2011), unless otherwise agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that the appearance of the proposed development will harmonise with the character of the surrounding area and comply with Policy DC61 of the Development Control Policies Development Plan Document.

5) <u>Landscaping:</u> No development shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority a scheme of hard and soft landscaping, which shall include indications of all existing trees and shrubs on the site, and details of any to be retained, together with measures for the protection in the course of development. All planting, seeding or turfing comprised within the scheme shall be carried out in the first planting season following completion of the development and any trees or plants which within a period of 5 years from completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of a similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In accordance with Section 197 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and to enhance the visual amenities of the development, and that the development accords with the Development Control Policies Development Plan Document Policy DC61

6) <u>Standard flank wall condition:</u> Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, no window or other opening (other than those shown on the submitted plan,) shall be formed in the flank wall(s) of the building(s) hereby permitted, unless specific permission under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 has first been sought and obtained in writing from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In order to ensure a satisfactory development that will not result in any loss of privacy or damage to the environment of neighbouring properties which exist or may be proposed in the future, and in order that the development accords with Development Control Policies Development Plan Document Policy DC61.

7) <u>Obscure glazed window:</u> The proposed windows on 1st floor level to the eastern and western elevations serving the landing area of each dwelling shall be

permanently glazed with obscure glass and with the exception of top hung fanlights shall remain permanently fixed shut and thereafter be maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, in order that the development accords with Policy DC61 of the LDF.

Reason:

In the interests of privacy.

8) <u>Cycle storage:</u> Before the building(s) hereby permitted is first occupied, provision shall be made for 2 x No. cycle storage spaces in accordance with the approved plans (Drawing Nr. 8430-115-1000, received 19th October 2011) and thereafter this provision shall be made permanently available for use, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of providing a wide range of facilities for non-motor car residents, in the interests of sustainability.

9) <u>Hours of Construction:</u> No construction works or construction related deliveries into the site shall take place other than between the hours of 08.00 to 18.00 on Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 hours on Saturdays unless agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. No construction works or construction related deliveries shall take place on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To protect residential amenity, and in order that the development accords with the Development Control Policies Development Plan Document Policy DC61.

- 10) <u>Construction Methodology Statement:</u> Before development is commenced, a scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority making provision for a Construction Method Statement to control the adverse impact of the development on the amenity of the public and nearby occupiers. The Construction Method statement shall include details of:
- a) parking of vehicles of site personnel and visitors;
- b) storage of plant and materials;
- c) dust management controls;
- d) measures for minimising the impact of noise and ,if appropriate, vibration arising from construction activities;
- e) predicted noise and, if appropriate, vibration levels for construction using methodologies and at points agreed with the Local Planning Authority;
- f) scheme for monitoring noise and if appropriate, vibration levels using methodologies and at points agreed with the Local Planning Authorities;
- g) siting and design of temporary buildings;
- h) scheme for security fencing/hoardings, depicting a readily visible 24-hour contact number for queries or emergencies;

i) details of disposal of waste arising from the construction programme, including final disposal points. The burning of waste on the site at any time is specifically precluded.

And the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme and statement.

Reason:

To protect residential amenity, and in order that the development accords the Development Control Policies Development Plan Document Policy DC61.

11) <u>Highways Licence Agreement:</u> The necessary agreement, notice or licence to enable the proposed alterations to the Public Highway shall be entered into prior to the commencement of the development.

Reason:

To ensure the interests of the travelling public and are maintained and comply with policies of the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies, namely CP10, CP17 and DC61.

12) <u>Secured by Design:</u> Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, details of the measures to be incorporated into the development demonstrating how 'Secured by Design' accreditation might be achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details, and shall not be occupied or used until written confirmation of compliance with the agreed details has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA

Reason:

In the interest of creating safer, sustainable communities, reflecting guidance set out in PPS1, Policy 4B.6 of the London Plan, and Policies CP17 'Design' and DC63 'Delivering Safer Places' of the LBH LDF

13) <u>Noise insulation:</u> The building(s) shall be so constructed as to provide sound insulation of 45 DnT,w + Ctr dB (minimum value) against airborne noise to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To prevent noise nuisance to adjoining properties in accordance with the recommendations of Planning Policy Guidance Note 24 "Planning and Noise" 1994.

14) <u>Refuse and recycling</u>: Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, provision shall be made for the storage of refuse and recycling awaiting

collection according to details which shall previously have been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of amenity of occupiers of the development and also the visual amenity of the development and the locality generally, and in order that the development accords with the LDF Development Control Policies Development Plan Document Policy DC61

15) <u>Permitted Development rights:</u> Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Order 2008 Article 3, Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A, B, C, D and E, no extensions, roof extensions, roof alterations or outbuildings shall take place unless permission under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 has first been sought and obtained in writing from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

In the interests of amenity and to enable the Local Planning Authority to retain control over future development, and in order that the development accords with Development Control Policies Development Plan Document Policy DC61

INFORMATIVES

1. Reason for Approval:

It is considered that the proposal satisfies the relevant criteria of Policies DC33 and DC61 of the LDF Development Control Policies Development Plan Document.

- 2. The applicant is advised that planning approval does not constitute approval for changes to the public highway. Highway Authority approval will only be given after suitable details have been submitted, considered and agreed. Any proposals which involve building over the public highway as managed by the London Borough of Havering, will require a licence and the applicant must contact StreetCare, Traffic and Engineering on 01708 433750 to commence the Submission / Licence Approval process.
- 3. The developer, their representatives and contractors are advised that planning permission does not discharge the requirements under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and the Traffic Management Act 2004. Formal notifications and approval will be needed for any highway works (including temporary works) required during the construction of the development.
- 4. The applicant is advised that if construction materials are proposed to be kept on the highway during construction works then they will need to apply for a license from the Council.

- With regards to surface water drainage it is the responsibility of the developer to make proper provision for drainage to ground, water courses or a suitable sewer. In respect of surface water it is recommended that the applicant should ensure that storm flows are attenuated or regulated into the receiving public network through on or off site storage. When it is proposed to connect to a combined public sewer, the site drainage should be separate and combined at the final manhole nearest the boundary. Connections are not permitted for the removal of Ground Water. Where the developer proposes to discharge to a public sewer, prior approval from Thames Water Developer Services will be required. They can be contacted on 0845 850 2777.
- 6. In aiming to satisfy Condition 12 the applicant should seek the advice of the Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor. The services of the local Police CPDA is available free of charge through Havering Development and Building Control or Romford Police Station, 19 Main Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 3BJ." It is the policy of the local planning authority to consult with the Borough CPDA in the discharging of community safety condition(s).

REPORT DETAIL

1. Site Description

- 1.1 The application site is a garage court which is located to the north of Aylsham Lane, between Nos. 66 and 68 Aylsham Lane. The site is surrounded by 2-storey residential dwellings. The site has 11 garages with 7 currently let and the others empty. Ground level on the site is generally flat although there is a rise in levels from west to east. The site has an overall area of approximately 570sq.m.
- 1.2 Development in the vicinity is characterised by 2-storey residential dwellings. There is no characteristic built form and dwellings are mainly constructed from red brick and red / orange pantiles.

2. Description of Proposal

- 2.1 The application seeks permission for the erection of 2 No. semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and amenity.
- 2.2 The proposal will replace the existing garages and hardstanding. The dwellings would be a continuation of the existing building line along Aylsham Lane. Each dwelling would have a width of 5.8m resulting in an overall width of 11.6m. Each dwelling would have a depth of 9.2m with a height of 8.5m to the top of the ridge and 5m to the eaves. Each dwelling would be approximately 1.2m from the side boundaries (west and east) with a set back of 6m from the edge of the footway towards the front.

- 2.3 The proposal would have a pitched roof with hipped ends. Windows and doors would generally be arranged to the front and rear, although some flank wall windows are proposed.
- 2.4 On ground floor level, each dwelling would have a living / dining room, a w.c. and a kitchen. On first floor level would be 3 bedrooms with a bathroom.
- 2.5 Access would be from Aylsham Lane providing direct access to off-street parking. There would be 4 parking spaces in total, 2 per dwelling.
- 2.6 Amenity space would be towards the rear and side of each dwelling, measuring 145sq.m for Plot 1 and 140sq.m for Plot 2.
- 2.7 Towards the rear of each dwelling would be an area for refuse storage and 2 x cycle storage spaces for each dwelling.

3. Relevant History

3.1 No relevant history.

4. Consultations/Representations

4.1 Notification letters were sent to 31 neighbouring properties with no letters of representation received. At the time of drafting this report the neighbour notification period has yet to expire. Members will be verbally updated on the evening of any further representations received.

5. Relevant Policies

- 5.1 Policies CP17 (design), DC3 (Housing Design and Layout), DC33 (Car parking), DC61 (Urban Design), DC63 (Crime) of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan Documents and the Residential Extensions and Alterations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the Residential Design SPD are also relevant.
- Policies 3.3 (Increasing Housing Supply), 3.4 (Optimising Housing Potential), 3.5 (Quality and Design of Housing Developments), 3.6 (Children and Young People's Play and Informal Recreation Facilities), 3.8 (Housing Choice), 6.9 (Cycling), 6.10 (Walking), 6.13 (Parking), 7.1 (Building London's Neighbourhoods and Communities), 7.2 (Inclusive Design), 7.3 (Designing out Crime), 7.4 (Local Character), 7.5 (Public Realm), 7.6 (Architecture) of the London Plan (2011)
- 5.3 PPS1 (Delivering Sustainable Development) and PPS3 (Housing), PPS4 (Planning for Sustainable Economic Growth) and PPG13 (Transport).

6. Staff Comments

- 6.1 This proposal is put before the Committee owing to the application site comprising land owned by the Council. The main issues to be considered by Members in this case are the principle of development, the site layout and amenity space, design/street scene issues, amenity implications, and parking and highways issues.
- 6.2 Principle of Development
- 6.2.1 The site lies outside the Metropolitan Green Belt, Employment Areas, Commercial Areas, Romford Town Centre and District and Local Centres. The principle of residential development is considered acceptable in land use terms and the provision of additional housing is consistent with PPS3 as the application site is within an established urban area.
- 6.2.2 Policy 3.8 of the London Plan states that DPD policies should offer a range of housing choices, in terms of the mix of housing sizes and types, taking account of the housing requirements of different groups. Policy 3.5 states that Local Development Frameworks should incorporate minimum space standards. The Mayor has set these at 96sq.m for a 3-bed 5-person dwelling. Each dwelling would have an internal floor space of 91sq.m. This is marginally below the required 96sq.m, however, Staff consider the benefits of providing new housing to outweigh the shortfall of 5sq.m floorspace per dwelling. Subject to the development being acceptable in other respects, Staff consider this part of the proposal to be acceptable in this instance.
- 6.2.3 Policy CP1 indicates that outside town centres and the Green Belt, priority will be made on all non-specifically designated land for housing. The proposal is for redevelopment of a derelict site within an existing residential area. The proposal is therefore acceptable in principle and in accordance with Policy CP1 and policy 3.3 of the London Plan which seeks to increase London's housing supply.
- 6.3 Site Layout / Amenity Space
- 6.3.1 The Council's Residential Design SPD in respect of amenity space recommends that every home should have access to suitable private and/or communal amenity space in the form of private gardens, communal gardens, courtyards, patios, balconies or roof terraces. In designing high quality amenity space, consideration should be given to privacy, outlook, sunlight, trees and planting, materials (including paving), lighting and boundary treatment. All dwellings should have access to amenity space that is not overlooked from the public realm and this space should provide adequate space for day to day uses.
- 6.3.2 Amenity space to both plots would be towards the rear and measuring 145sq.m for Plot 1 and 140sq.m for Plot 2. The amenity area would be

- screened by means of a 1.8m close boarded timber fence, avoiding any potential to overlook the amenity areas from a public point of view.
- 6.3.3 Amenity provision in the locality is generally arranged towards the rear of dwellings. The proposed amenity space would be consistent with the shape, size and location of amenity space at other dwellings in the vicinity. Staff are of the opinion that the garden areas would be large enough to be practical for day to day use and with the provision of fencing, would be screened from general public views and access, providing private and usable garden areas. As a result, it is considered that the proposed amenity areas of the new dwellings would comply with the requirements of the Residential Design SPD and are acceptable in this instance.
- 6.3.4 The residential density range for this site is 30 50 units per hectare. The proposal would result in a density of approximately 35 units per hectare. This density would be at the bottom end of the recommended density range for this area and is considered acceptable.
- 6.3.5 In terms of the general site layout, each dwelling would be 1.2m from its side boundaries (to the east and west). The dwellings would follow the same building line as existing buildings on Aylsham Lane having a set-back of 6m from the edge of the footpath towards the front. Staff are of the opinion that the proposed layout would represent an acceptable appearance in the street scene. The development would leave sufficient spacing between the site boundaries and neighbouring dwellings and would not appear cramped or as an overdevelopment of the site. Amenity space can be provided at the rear with parking towards the front in a convenient location. The layout of the site is therefore considered acceptable.
- 6.4 Impact on Local Character and Street Scene
- 6.4.1 Policy DC61 of the LDF Development Plan Document seeks to ensure that new developments are satisfactorily located and are of a high standard of design and layout. Furthermore, the appearance of new developments should be compatible with the character of the surrounding area, and should not prejudice the environment of the occupiers and adjacent properties. Policy DC61 of the DPD states that planning permission will only be granted for development which maintains, enhances or improves the character and appearance of the local area.
- 6.4.2 The proposal would form part of the Aylsham Lane street scene being at the end of the terrace. Dwellings in the vicinity are mainly terrace developments with pitched roofs and gabled ends. The proposal has been designed at a similar height and would have matching bricks and tiles to blend in with other dwellings in the area. The dwellings will however have pitched roofs with hipped ends instead of fully gabled roofs. This design is considered to give the proposal a subservient appearance and mitigate any impact it would have on the street scene.

- 6.4.3 The development would replace the existing garages and hardstanding with dwellings which are considered to have an acceptable design, scale, bulk and appearance as seen in Aylsham Lane. The development would further introduce soft and hard landscaping. The proposal is considered to be an improvement of the current situation on the site and would not detract from the surrounding environment.
- 6.5 Impact on Amenity
- 6.5.1 Policy DC61 considers that new developments should not materially reduce the degree of privacy enjoyed by the occupants of adjoining properties or have an unreasonably adverse effect on sunlight and daylight to adjoining properties.
- 6.5.2 The proposal is for a pair of 2-storey semi-detached dwellings. The proposal would be in line with the front building line of buildings along Aylsham Lane. By not projecting forwards of these dwellings and maintaining a similar height, the proposal is not considered to have any impact on dwellings to the east in this respect.
- 6.5.3 Towards the rear, the proposal would project beyond the main rear building line of dwellings to the east by approximately 2m on ground and 1st floor level. In Staff's opinion, the proposal should be treated in a similar fashion as a 2-storey extension beyond the rear building line of neighbouring dwellings. According to the Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD, 2storey rear extensions should be set in from the common boundary with any attached dwelling by not less than 2 metres, and should project no more than 3 metres. In exceptional local circumstances rear extensions of a greater depth up to a maximum of 4 metres may be acceptable where, for example, this would be sympathetic with the character of the local area and/or rear extensions of a similar depth already exist at neighbouring properties. An equivalent degree of amenity should be secured for the neighbouring dwelling on the non-attached boundary both in terms of the existing house and rear garden and in terms of the ability to build an extension in line with the SPD. For this reason two storey extensions built up to the property boundary of the non-attached dwelling will not normally be acceptable.
- 6.5.4 The proposal would be set in from the common boundary with No. 66 by 1.2m and from the flank wall of No. 66 by approximately 2.9m. The proposal would only project 2m beyond the rear wall of No. 66. In light of this, Staff are of the opinion that the proposal would be in accordance with the provisions of the Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD and would not be harmful to the amenities of No. 66 in terms of its visual appearance, bulk or overshadowing.
- 6.5.5 In terms of overlooking towards the east, the proposal would introduce windows in the flank wall on ground floor however, given the proximity to the eastern boundary fence and the height of windows on ground level, it is not considered that any potential for overlooking would occur. On first floor

level, the flank wall window would serve a landing area and this window can therefore be required to be fixed shut and obscure glazed by means of a condition.

- 6.5.6 Turning to the potential impact on properties to the west, the proposal's nearest flank wall would be approximately 16m from the main rear wall of dwellings to the west. This separation distance is considered acceptable to prevent the proposal from having a visually dominating impact as seen from the rear gardens of properties to the west. In addition, the roofs have been hipped away from these neighbours which would further reduce any visual impact. The proposal is east of these dwellings and would therefore not cause any unreasonable levels of overshadowing.
- 6.5.7 The proposal would, similar to the dwelling on Plot 2, have windows in its flank wall. On ground floor level, no overlooking would occur due to the proximity to the boundary fence. On first floor level, the flank wall window would serve a landing area and this window can therefore be required to be fixed shut and obscure glazed by means of a condition. No overlooking would therefore occur and the privacy of neighbouring properties would be protected.
- 6.5.8 In terms of vehicular activity and the proposed parking arrangement, Staff are of the opinion that 2 x new family dwellings would not give rise to a significant rise in the level of vehicular activity over and above that which is currently experienced as a result of the garages.
- 6.5.9 In terms of general noise and disturbance, it is not considered that the addition of 2 x No. family dwellings would give rise to any undue levels of noise and disturbance to the surrounding neighbouring properties within what is a predominantly residential area.
- 6.5.10 It should however be noted that although Staff consider the proposal to be acceptable in its current form, given the size of the proposed 2-storey developments in relation to the adjacent dwellings, any additions, extensions or alterations to the dwelling may result in harm to the character of the surrounding area and neighbouring amenity. In light of this, Staff are of the opinion that all Permitted Development Rights for the proposed development should be removed in order to safeguard the appearance of the street scene and amenities of neighbouring occupiers.
- 6.5.11 It is considered that the layout, siting and design of the proposed development would be acceptable with no material harmful impact on the amenities of neighbouring properties. The development is therefore considered to comply with the aims and objectives of Policies CP17 and DC61 of the LDF Development Control Policies DPD in respect of its impact on neighbouring amenity.

- 6.6 Highways / Parking Issues
- 6.6.1 Policy DC33 in respect of car parking refers to the density matrix in Policy DC2. The site has a PTAL rating of 1-2 and therefore requires 2 1.5 parking spaces per unit for a development of this type in Romford. The development would provide a total of 4 x No. parking spaces to the eastern side of the dwellings, providing 2 spaces per dwelling. In terms of the number of spaces proposed, the provision of off-street parking spaces would comply with the requirements of Policy DC33 and no issues are raised in this respect.
- 6.6.2 According to information provided by the applicant, of the 11 garages, 7 are in use and the remaining 4 void. No alternative sites are proposed for displacements. Upon site inspection it was noted that the surrounding streets are not overly congested. Whilst no provision is made for displacement garages elsewhere, Staff are of the opinion that any remaining displacements can be accommodated on the surrounding streets without resulting in harm to the existing parking situation or neighbouring amenity. Members are invited to apply their judgement in this respect.
- 6.6.3 The development provides storage for 2 x no. cycle spaces to each dwelling which would comply with the Council's standards as set out in Annex 6 which requires a provision of 2 spaces per dwelling with 3 or more bedrooms.
- 6.6.4 In light of the above, the proposal is considered to satisfy the requirements of Policy DC2 and DC33 and would not result in any highway or parking issues.
- 6.7 Other Issues
- 6.7.1 With regards to refuse collection, similar to other dwellings in the Borough, future occupiers would be required to leave refuse bags close to the highway on collection days. The proposals would have a similar arrangement as those existing dwellings along Aylsham Lane with direct access to the new dwellings available from the highway.
- 6.7.2 The application will involve the removal of a street tree at the front of the site. No objections are raised in principle to the loss of the tree but replacement planting should be sought through the proposed landscaping condition to ensure the development maintains an acceptable visual impact in the streetscene.
- 6.7.3 No concerns are raised in terms of fire brigade access.

7. Conclusion

7.1 Overall, Staff are of the opinion that the proposal would not detract from the character of the surrounding area or neighbouring properties. It is considered that the proposal presents an acceptable degree of spacing

between buildings and is not considered to appear as unacceptably dominant or visually intrusive as seen from neighbour's rear gardens. It is considered that the proposal would not have any material harmful impact on neighbouring amenity. Amenity space provision is considered sufficient. Whilst no provision is made for displacement garages elsewhere, Staff consider the benefits of new family housing to outweigh the provision of 7 of the garages which is still in use elsewhere. The vehicles currently parked in these garages can comfortably be accommodated on the adjoining roads. Members are invited to apply their judgement in this respect. Overall, Staff consider the development to comply with Policy DC61 and the provisions of the LDF Development Plan Document. Approval is recommended accordingly.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report concerns only material planning issues. Any land transaction between the applicant and the Council is dealt with independently.

Legal implications and risks:

This application is considered on merits and independently from the Council's interest as owner of the site.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities implications and risks:

The proposed dwellings would be constructed to meet the Lifetime Homes Standard which means that they would be easily adaptable in the future to meet the changing needs of occupiers.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Application forms and plans received on 19th October 2011.