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Town/Parish Council: Lapworth

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Land at rear of The Reddings, Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull, B93 8PT
Erection of new timber stable building FOR Mr Rogers

This application is being presented to Committee due to an objection from the Parish Council having been received.

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

Lapworth Parish Council: Objection- on the grounds of over development and over intensive use of land.

WCC Ecology recommends; bat, bird, badgers, reptile and amphibian notes

Public Response: Three letters have been received from close neighbours objecting to the proposal on the grounds of:-

- Loss of privacy
- Increased traffic, detriment to highway safety on Bakers Lane and impact of parking in the rural area.
- Detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the countryside.

RELEVANT POLICIES

- DP1 - Layout and Design (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011)
- DP2 - Amenity (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011)
- DAP1 - Protecting the Green Belt (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011)
- DP7 - Traffic Generation (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011)

PLANNING HISTORY

W/09/1380 for 9 stables and a tack room was withdrawn.

KEY ISSUES

The Site and its Location

The site forms part of a field to the north of Bakers Lane and has its access along a farm drive which is owned by the applicant. The access road has been in existence for many years and serves a number of other stables recently permitted. An agricultural barn is sited immediately to the application site. The whole area lies in the Green Belt. The applicant has 6 ha. of land.

Details of the Development

This is a resubmission of W/09/1380 which was for a larger 'L' shaped scheme. The proposal now involves the erection of seven timber stables and a tack room in a 'c' shape configuration.

Assessment

The key issue in this case is the impact of the development on the openness of the Green Belt, in the context of the policy background whereby PPG 2 "Green Belts" specifically states that .."small stables" for outdoor sport and recreation which preserve the openness of the green belt may be appropriate in green belt areas.

The application proposes accommodation for seven horses to graze an adjacent area of 6 hectares which could according to advice from the British Horse Society support twelve horses. I therefore cannot agree with the Parish Council that the proposal would constitute overdevelopment or over intensive use of land.

The stables would be timber built and positioned beside an existing agricultural barn and therefore I consider that they would not harm the character of the rural area. I also believe that there is more than adequate grazing land for seven horses, and that the revised scheme for a stable building with a reduced footprint and more compact configuration can be described as small scale (as required by PPG2) and would cause no significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt.

RECOMMENDATION

GRANT, subject to the conditions listed below.

CONDITIONS

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than 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 hereby permitted shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the details shown on the approved drawing(s) MR:BL:003:PA,,MR:BL:002:PA and specification contained therein, submitted on 27th January 2010 unless first agreed otherwise in writing by the District Planning Authority. **REASON** : For the avoidance of doubt and to secure a satisfactory form of development in accordance with Policies DP1 and DP2 of the Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011.
- 3 Samples of all external facing materials to be used for the construction of the development hereby permitted, shall be submitted to and approved by the District Planning Authority before any constructional works are commenced. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details. **REASON** : To ensure that the visual amenities of the area are protected, and to satisfy the requirements of Policy DP1 of the Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011.

- 4 The stables hereby permitted shall only be used for purposes in connection with and incidental to the use of the land for grazing purposes and shall not be used for the purposes of a livery or riding school or any other commercial purposes. **REASON** : To protect the rural character of the area, and to satisfy this requirement of Policy RAP9 of the Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011.

INFORMATIVES

For the purposes of Article 22 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) (Amendment) Order 2003, the following reason(s) for the Council's decision are summarised below:

In the opinion of the District Planning Authority, the development does not prejudice the openness and rural character of this green belt area and is considered to comply with the policies listed.
