APPLICATION NO. P14/V0473/FUL FULL APPLICATION

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PARISH STANFORD IN THE VALE

WARD MEMBER(S) Robert Sharp

APPLICANT David Wilson Homes Southern

SITE Land Off Faringdon Road Stanford in Vale

Oxfordshire, SN7 8NN

PROPOSAL Variation of condition 4 of planning permission

P13/V0146/FUL

AMENDMENTS 23 May 2014 **GRID REFERENCE** 439795/198344

1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Application P13/V0146/FUL for 73 dwellings associated open space, structural landscaping and access was refused on 23 May 2013 but was taken to appeal and allowed by the planning inspector on 10 January 2014.
- 1.2 The current application seeks the variation of the planning inspector applied planning condition relating to construction materials. Details of the external material treatment and finishes for the dwellings were controlled under planning condition 4 to be those specified on the submitted drawing (H6068/ML/01 rev B dated Sept 2012) as considered and agreed as part of the planning appeal.
- 1.3 The planning appeal approved materials consisted of –

Stone Facing - Beckstone Oolite

Brick Feature - Ibstock Redland Duo Plain Flame Red Cottage Mixture

Brick Facing - Wienerberger Blended Red Multi Gilt Stock

Brick Feature - Ibstock Cottage Mixture

Rendered walls - off white Monocouche through colour render

Roof tiles - Redland Richmond 10 Slate Grey
Roof tiles - Redland Duo Plain Flame Red
Roof tiles - Redland Duo Plain Rustic Brown

Ground surfaces - Marshalls Priora Bracken Ground surfaces - Marshalls Priora Brindle

1.4 As materials are normally brought to the planning committee for consideration and decision for major developments, the change in the material details as sought by the applicant are presented here for this consideration.

2.0 **PROPOSAL**

2.1 The following materials have been submitted for selected use across the site, those with a * indicate changes to those agreed at appeal –

Stone facing - Beckstone Oolite

* Brick Feature - Wienerberger Irish Rose * Brick Facing - Wienerberger Kansas Red * Brick Feature - Wienerberger Irish Rose

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The attached layout plan (H6068/ML/01 rev E) indicates the proposed distribution which equates to the arrangement as considered at appeal with the direct substitution of material types as indicated above.

- 2.2 The two materials shown to be changed are based upon the unavailability of the original chosen materials. The applicant has indicated that the original materials and first alternative choices of materials have either been discontinued by the manufacturer or have an extended delivery time due to low production turn-out. The replacements submitted for consideration are similar in broad colour, texture and appearance to those agreed during the appeal process so as not to create a disparity with the scheme as considered and subsequently allowed on appeal.
- 2.3 In comparing the substitute materials there is a broad similarity between the original facing brick Wienerberger Blended Red Multi Gilt Stock and the substitute facing brick Wienerberger Kansas Red, as both are a brown brick though the latter is more uniform in colour from the details as submitted.
- 2.4 The original feature brick Ibstock Redland Duo Plain Flame Red Cottage Mixture had a distinctly blue burn contrast to the core orange colour which was quite pronounced in the details as considered at appeal. The brick also has a rough textured finish. The substitute feature brick Wienerberger Irish Rose is a much more consistent brick in orange colour with no obvious burn markings shown. This brick has a slight riven finish. The overall change would be for a more warm orange appearance with less burn contrasts than the greater blue burning markings and overall darker hue of the original brick choice.

3.0 **REPRESENTATIONS**

- 3.1 Unusually for such an application to vary a materials condition, a number of representations have been received. These have been submitted by the Stanford in the Vale Parish Council and from four local residents, one from the local resident's action group and one from a business operating from the nearby employment site.
- 3.2 Of the representations made,
 - one includes comments on materials agreed at appeal and which are not submitted for change, these comments have therefore been set aside
 - two comments infer that the layout plan is not that which was approved at appeal as a raised highway platform is shown within the site at the junction near the Horse and Jockey public house. This has no relevance to the dwelling positions or the materials of construction which are the subject of this application, and therefore these comments are set aside
 - one comment indicates increased business activity and associated increase in worked hours and general disturbance (noise, light) may occur. This view has no relevance on this application for material finishes under consideration.
- 3.3 The parish council objects to the application on the basis that they prefer materials closer to those specified at appeal.

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- 3.4 One representation on the materials the subject of this submission considers the new bricks for the houses as a more subtle shade than previously selected.
- 3.5 Two comments consider that the proposed substitute bricks are not suitably similar in colour to be used as a comparative alternative replacement, with the colour and style not in keeping with the style of much older buildings existing on the same side of the A417. The substitute brick are viewed as making the development much more noticeable and not in keeping with the general location.

4.0 **CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The substitute materials would have a visual difference to those originally agreed, with a greater predominance of orange brick colour. The change is not considered to be harmful to the overall appearance of the housing estate development and would not be visually unacceptable in terms of the wider character of the area.
- 4.2 Overall the submitted materials offer a palette of finishes which would lend a sympathetic character to the development within the setting of the new residential estate environment to be created. The closest other residential properties lie opposite the site o the east and along the main through road to the south. The existing housing areas have minimal influence in impact on the character of this development site which would be read as an entity in its own right.

5.0 **RECOMENDATION**

5.1 That the materials and finished treatments as presented are accepted and that the variation to condition 4 relating to construction materials on planning permission P13/V0146/FUL granted on appeal be agreed.

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