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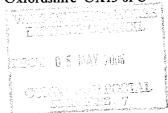
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3rd May, 2006

Dear Ms. Hudson,

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SUT/19506 Demolition of existing house and outbuildings Restoration and conversion of Sutton Mill to form ancillary house, office/studio and storage. Erection of five dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping. Upper Mill, Sutton Mill and land adjacent to 13A Tullis Close, 1 Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay

For: Cranbourne Homes Ltd

As far as the restoration of the Mill is concerned, the Parish Council feels that this is a sympathetic restoration, and does not have any objections to this section of the application, but it would ask that the use of the mill be retained as office/studio and not, at any time, be converted to a further dwelling.

As far as the remainder of the application is concerned the Parish Council would object to the proposal believing it to be over-development which is detrimental to the character and form of the existing settlement and its rural setting, and by its nature is just back land infilling.

The Parish Council supports the view of the highway authority when its states that owing to the narrow width of Mill Lane and lack of footways and passing places, Mill Lane could support only two dwellings. Should any development take place the Parish Council would not wish to see any more than two units with access off Mill Lane owing to the substandard condition and dangers to pedestrians and horses who use Mill Lane for access to the adjacent bridleway and footpath.

The Parish Council objects to the pair of narrow fronted detached dwellings off Tullis Close. These dwellings would create a dense impact and are totally out of character with others in Tullis Close in that the other properties are wide frontage properties

with reasonable access space all round. Those proposed appear like a pair of semidetached dwellings with a cleft in the centre. These two would be detrimental and harmful to the character of the area and the Parish Council which is not acceptable to the Parish Council. Should the District Council be mindful of granting consent to some development then the Parish Council would probably not object to one wide frontage house which was in keeping with the design already in Tullis Close.

Similarly should there be the need to create a private drive then this too should be in keeping with and in sympathy with the remainder of Tullis Close. Plots 4 and 5 are forward of the general building line of 13a - 17 Tullis Close. Should one wide frontage dwelling be permitted then the Parish Council would request that this be set back at least in line with those.

Finally the Parish Council has concerns about the drainage from the properties in that the sewers in the High Street have been full and overflowing on more than one occasion in the last 2-3 years. There are well recognised problems with the sewage system. Thames Water Utilities Ltd has sent a representative to the Parish Council meeting and is currently carrying out a study into the High Street public sewer and its problems. The Parish Council would not wish to see these problems exacerbated by any new connections.

Yours sincerely,

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SUT/19506/1-LB Removal of existing extension. Conversion and refurbishment of Mill to form home office/studio and storage ancillary to dwelling. Sutton Mill, Mill Lane

For: Cranbourne Homes Ltd

The Parish Council has no objection to the conversion and refurbishment of the Mill. The Mill is a village asset and should be preserved intact as a listed building, and restored with great sensitivity. The Parish Council does, however, have concerns that the floor plans of the existing structure show mill machinery, grinding wheels and hoppers on the first floor and hoppers on the second floor, yet these are not shown on the proposed drawing.

The parish council would wish to see all machinery on all floors retained as it forms a significant part of the features of historical interest.

The Parish Council would not wish the mill to become an additional dwelling and appropriate conditions should be included to prevent this.

Yours sincerely,

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15th June, 2006

Dear Ms. Hudson,

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For: Cranbourne Homes Ltd

The Parish Council wishes to maintain its previous objection to two dwellings off Tullis Close. These are narrow fronted in contrast to the existing wider frontage properties. The new ones would create a dense impact and are totally out of character with others in Tullis Close which have reasonable access space all round. Should the District Council be mindful of granting consent to some development then the Parish Council would probably not object to one wide frontage house which was in keeping with the design already in Tullis Close.

Similarly should there be the need to create a private drive then this too should be in keeping with and in sympathy with the remainder of Tullis Close. The proposed new driveway has been moved closer to no. 13A. This the Council feels is detrimental to the amenity of no. 13A. It would much prefer to see one wide frontage property and a driveway to the properties to the rear which would not impact on existing Tullis Close houses.

Finally the Parish Council has concerns about the drainage from the properties in that the sewers in the High Street have been full and overflowing on more than one occasion in the last 2-3 years. There are well recognised problems with the sewage system. Thames Water Utilities Ltd has sent a representative to the Parish Council meeting and is currently carrying out a study into the High Street public sewer and its problems. The Parish Council would not wish to see these problems exacerbated by any new connections.

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8 May 2006 Your ref **SUT/19506**

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Dear Sir

re: Demolition of existing house and outbuildings. Restoration and conversion of Sutton Mill to form ancillary house, office/studio and storage. Erection of 5 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping

Upper Mill, Sutton Mill, and land adjacent to 13A Tullis Close, 1 Mill Lane, Sutton Courtenay.

Thank you for the drawings of the above project received on 26 April which was due to be discussed at the Architects Panel meeting on 3 May and on which you have requested design comments.

In my judgement the design proposals for plots 1-3 are skilfully handled and offer an appropriate setting for the old mill building. As agreed I have not examined the proposals for that building itself.

At plots 4 and 5 it seems to me that a hipped roof assists in allowing the different form of house, and higher ridge, to relate in a visually neighbourly way to the Tullis Close buildings.

However I cannot reconcile myself to the eccentric relationship between these two proposed houses – surely a semi-detached pair would be preferable in townscape terms? I consider the minimal gap currently proposed (and emphasised by the chimney features) would not contribute positively to an attractive streetscene and ought to receive further thought before a planning decision is reached.

Your papers and drawings are returned with this letter.

Yours faithfully

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This letter refers to drawings nos 666.01 and .02 and architects design statement date stamped 2 March 2006