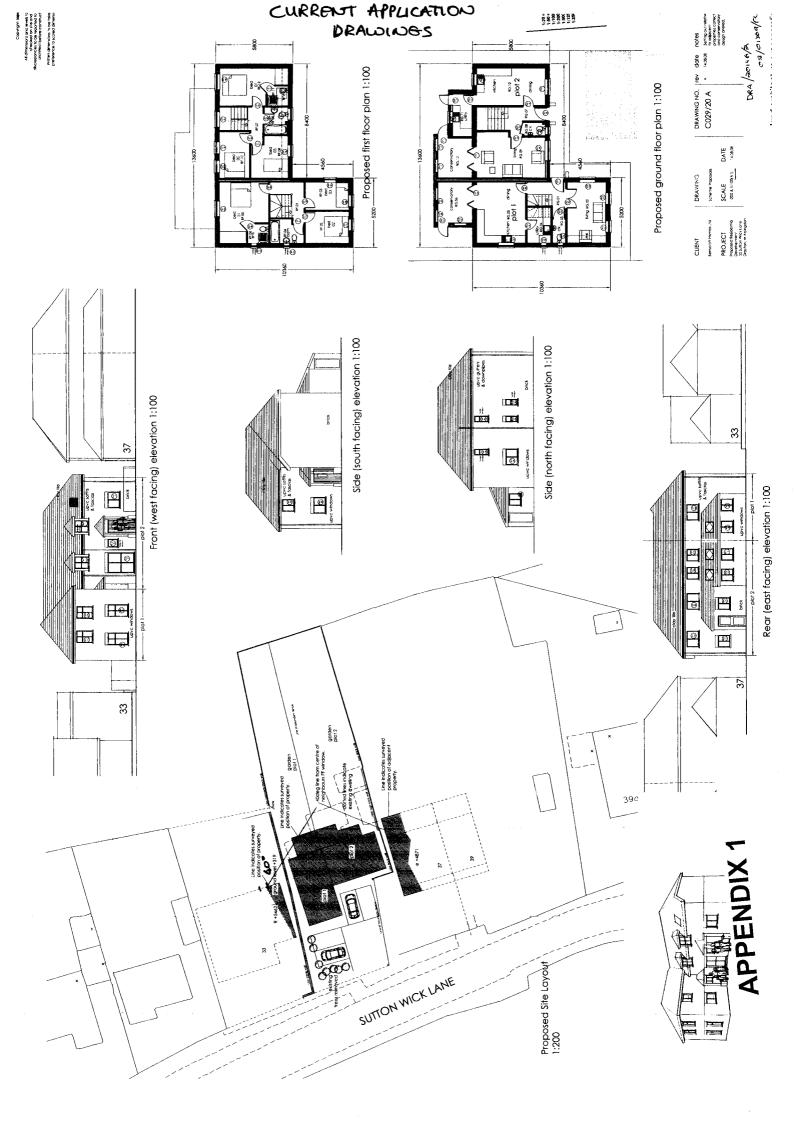
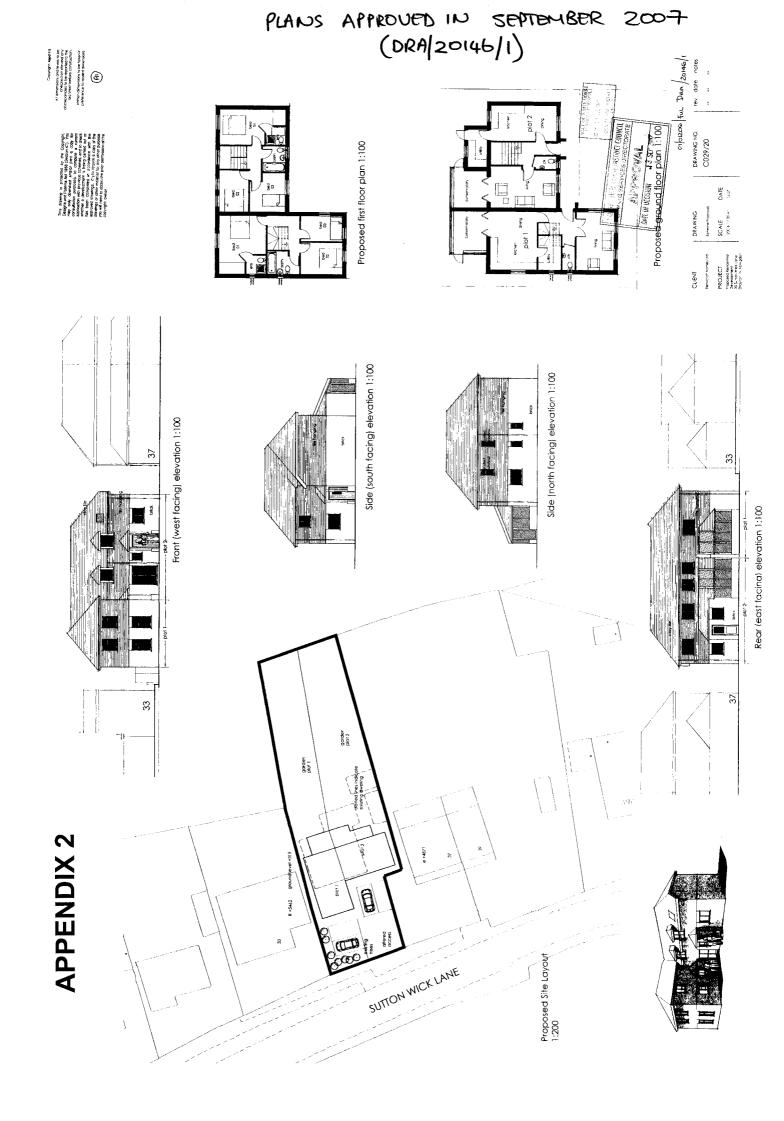


APPENDIX 1





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APPENDIX 3

9th October 2008

Dear Miss Hudson

Re: 35 Sutton Wick Lane, Drayton. DRA/20146/1

The Parish Council wish to object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

- Design statement is misleading and the plan gives the impression that there is more space to the boundaries than there is in reality.
- The appearance and design of the house are out of place with the surrounding properties, which are a mixture of bungalows and 2 storey houses, well spaced apart, in a single row and in a rural setting. This house is built up very close to the borders and is overpowering and unattractive e.g. the dining/kitchen window of the right hand house faces out onto the corner of the boundary wall, less than 1m away from it. The walls of the 2 houses have been measured to be as little as 64cm from the boundary to numbers 33 and 37, rather less than the 1m claimed in the plans.
- The colour of the bricks and the style of the design, distinctly high-density urban, are not in keeping with the surrounding properties. The previous design described the walls as red brick and brown tile. No tiles have been used and they are not mentioned in the revised application presumably a cost saving measure which has impoverished the appearance of the new properties, and reduced the extent to which it blends in with the existing properties in the lane.
- Fencing is described in both applications as panelled timber and brick. There is little timber apparent and some very unattractive concrete bollards have been used at the front of the property and which appear to serve no useful purpose.
- The latest plans shows the 2 rear rooms still described as conservatories, and this description is repeated in the design statement. This is a totally misleading description they are 2 extra brick built rooms with tiled roofs, with no similarity to conservatories. The excuse for having a tiled roof as being due to building regs would surely prevent most people from adding conservatories to their houses?

- The neighbouring properties are overwhelmed by this new build. The ground floor windows looking towards no. 33 are not frosted as the plans claimed they would be, the neighbour at no. 33 has had to build a high fence to protect their privacy with consequent loss of light. The no. 37 neighbours have similarly had to build a fence at considerable expense to protect their privacy as the boundary wall that was demolished by the developer was rebuilt to a lower height to save construction costs and avoid the need to build supporting piers which would have reduced the width of the path down the side of the new property to well under 60cm.
- Trees at the front of the plot have been removed, and although the application indicates that there would be new planting, this has not been done. This, plus the bollards, urban nature and over-size of the new build adds to the stark and incongruous appearance of the new properties.
- The Parish Council strongly supports the objections to this application made by the neighbours. The many ways in which the property has not been built in accordance with the application, and overwhelms neighbouring properties, have significantly affected the quality of life of those immediately adjacent to the new build.

Yours sincerely

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