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From: Biddulph Town Council <biddulph@staffordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 August 2017 12:05
To: Planning (SMDC)
Subject: Biddulph Town Council Planning Committee

Good afternoon,

Please find below the recommendations from Biddulph Town Council's Planning Committee in August 2017.

Best wishes.

SMD/2017/0276

Councillor Jones queried whether agricultural land had to be offered for commercial use. Councillor Davies confirmed that this was the case, in some instances. Councillor Jones asked that this query be raised with the District Council.

Councillor Lawson noted that there were no neighbours as it is very isolated at this location.

NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

SMD/2017/0328

It was noted that this was permitted development.

NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

SMD/2017/0373

Councillor Wood had no issues with this application; it is a local business. The Town Council had asked the District Council to consider their re-location favourably. Designs are in-keeping with the business park and the access road will be improved; all plots are then full.

Councillor Court noted that there would also be additional employees.

Councillor Hart felt this was an advantageous use of the last four plots and that the Town Council should support Biddulph businesses; this was a welcome application with new jobs.

Councillor Jones echoed the comments from previous speakers; this is a well-used local business and we should support them.

Councillor Davies noted that many Councillors have campaigned for this business. We should give weight to our approval and provide strong wording to endorse this.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

SMD/2017/0396

Councillor Court noted that the Committee had previously seen a similar application. The application stated that the site had been used in this way for ten years, but the details were sparse.

Councillor Hart stated that there was insufficient information to progress this application fully, particularly in relation to the use of the land for ten years. There was a disproportionate area marked in red, which was concerning. The Committee should recommend refusal.

Councillor Rogers felt the response should be ‘no with a capital no’. This would be visually unacceptable; there would be access issues; and, it was not appropriate to have an industrial site set within the countryside.

Councillor Jones wondered what would be in the containers, and endorsed what Councillor Rogers had said. This was not appropriate and would be visually intrusive. The Committee should recommend refusal.

Councillor Wood felt this was not in-keeping. The size of the vehicles needed to transport the containers would be too large for Akesmore Lane, particularly given the current condition of the highway. This is a beautiful area.

Councillor Swift agreed with all those that had spoken against this application; he had nothing positive to say.

Councillor Nicosia reiterated what Councillors had said and wondered whether screening could be an option. Councillor Nicosia felt there was a lack of information with the application.

Councillor Baddeley said the response should be a ‘great big no’, and noted that she lived not far from this site.

Councillor McGuiness was concerned that there appeared to be a lack of information about the number of containers that would be stored on the site.

All agreed that this Committee should **RECOMMEND REFUSAL**.

SMD/2017/0065

Councillor Rogers noted that work had already started and the pub had been demolished.

It was noted that this Committee had previously stated that there were ‘no adverse comments’ in relation to this application.

Councillor Jackson believed that there had been an issue about the proximity to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).

Councillor Rogers queried whether Councillor Davies could make further enquiries; Councillor Davies agreed.

Councillor Jones felt there was no legitimate reason why this should be refused.

NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

SMD/2017/0343

Councillor Davies queried the name of the applicant, and left the room.

Councillor Hart noted that he had two cats and a dog that were registered at this centre, but was not a member of this Committee.

Councillor Jones felt this was a positive move as the business was cramped in their current location. It was good to see that a clinical facility would be used in this way again.

Councillor Whilding felt this was an ideal location and had no objections.

Councillor Rogers had been concerned about the use of the Princess Street building, and was pleased to see it being reused.

NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

SMD/2017/0399

NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

SMD/2017/0406

Councillors felt they would like more time to consider this application and agreed that it should be deferred until the next meeting.

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