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Submission: Support

Comments: Hollington Residents Steering Group

The School House, School Bank, Hollington

Dear Sir/Madam

Re SMD/2021/0393

Hollington Residents Steering Group support development on brownfields and homestead sites. In January 2018, as part of the site selection process for the Neighbourhood Plan, the Vice Chair of our Group asked for this site to be included. See e mail below to Parish & District Councillor Keith Flunder

From: Derek Wragg

Date: 12 January 2018 at 09:43:22 GMT

To:

Subject: Site Allocation Meeting.

Hello Kieth!

Further to last nights meeting I would like to submit 2 sites to be included in
the Site Allocation Process.

The Oldhams Site to the rear of the Village Hall 9 dwellings.

The Sim;s Site on the opposite side of the road to the front elevation

Of the Village Hall.

These being the preferred Developments to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan

Kind regards Derek

2. In support of this application the site was part of the Holbeck homestead. Which on death of the applicants father, was sold. However the applicant retained a small acreage, approx 3 acres, and since then has continued to keep livestock and actively manages the land, involving daily commuting from Cheadle. The applicant and his family, visit the site daily to care for livestock. Residency on the site, will considerably reduce their carbon footprint.

3. The applicant's family have maintained strong and active ties with the village. See letter below sent to Checkley Parish Council on the 16th July 2021, from the applicant as to the family's history and association with Hollington

From: julieintean

Sent: 16 July 2021 16:58

To: Sian Morgan-Owen

Subject: Letter of Support for Planning Application SMD/2021/0393

To whom it may concern

We are submitting this letter to support our current planning application for two houses off Quarry Bank, Hollington (SMD/2021/0393). I would like to explain our reasons to support this application.

Our family have been part of the Hollington village and community for over seventy years. My parents moved into the village over seventy five years ago, my father George Sims acted as caretaker for the St John's Church for twenty plus years, maintaining all the grounds and gardens, thereafter I took over this role myself for a number of years. My Mother Violet Sims was the Church cleaner, along with cleaner at the Village Hall and The Star Public House. Violet Sims was also heavily involved with the village community, being a member of the WI, she also organised numerous youth activities, including the local Youth Club and The Wiss Drives. My children Melvyn Sims and Julie Sims were both born in the village, both children throughout their childhood enjoyed Hollington village life, taking part in many youth activities.

Over 35 years ago my Mother Violet Sims sadly passed away, at this time my Father sold off part of Holbeck House, however retaining approximately five acres of the land. My father George Sims sadly passed away some twenty years ago, at which point the remaining five acres of land was passed down to myself. Since this time I have continually farmed and maintained the land, keeping cattle, chickens and horses. I still today spend a large part of my day at the land, travelling regularly two to three times a day from Cheadle. Along with the farm animals at the land, I also have a collection of vintage tractors that I have created over the years, this is now a big hobby and part of my life that I very much enjoy, along with help of my son, who also enjoys the passion

for the tractors like myself. My daughter has enjoyed horses kept on the land for over fifty years and likewise she spends a large part of her day at the land with the horses.

All of my family are still a big part of village life, helping out at local fair's, supporting local residents and generally being involved with the community.

I have now reached 85 years of age and obviously life has taken its toll and sadly I am not as able as I used to be and regularly require daily help and support from my son, daughter and grandson to maintain the land and care for the animals. Along with this, the travelling to and from the land has become more challenging and stressful, especially with the traffic increase over the years. Two years ago I suffered a serious accident at the notorious Freehay Crossroads, of which resulted in a broken sternum and leaving me extremely anxious to get behind the wheel again. Since the accident I find the regular journey to and from the land a constant daily stress, to the point now at 85 years old I do not feel I can do this for much longer. Not only does this cause anxiety for myself, my wife and children constantly worry about me making this journey so often. At 85 years old, I desperately want to carry on to the end of my days farming the land that I have loved so passionately over the years.

On top of all the above, sadly with today's society I have increased concerns of security at the land, as there has been two occasions where items have 'gone missing' off the land.

The request for the planning for two properties would allow my wife and I to live in one house and my daughter and her son to live in the second house. Both my daughter and grandson provide great daily support to my wife and I, especially at present to my wife who has had a recent hip operation and has very little mobility in normal everyday life. Sadly as we both get older, I have to face the fact that this assistance will continue to be required, possibly at some point soon on a full time basis. Therefore having our daughter and grandson on site as neighbours, will be of immense support, assistance and much needed convenience to all for the future. My other concern is the environment aspect, as both my daughter and myself drive at least twice a day, often three times a day to and from the land. In a society that now has a major focus on caring for the environment, living on site would assist to reducing pollution levels.

I hope that you will take into account all of the above, when considering our application. To obtain the building of these houses, would fulfil the remainder of my life and hopefully have a better quality of life with the support of our family around us. It will also allow me and my family to give more time back to the village community and enjoy my remaining years where my children were born on the land that has been a major part of my life. Living on site will allow me not only to remain physically active but will greatly assist with not only my mental health and well being along with that of my family.

Kind regards

John Sims

Conclusion

The Hollington Residents Support Group, support this application and ask that SMDC work with the family to find an acceptable solution to both parties, to enable development of a family home, that will not encroach into

the rural parts of the area or compromise the open and green character or the landscape setting.

Yours Faithfully

Melanie Swanwick

Chair of Hollington Residents Support Group

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