

SOUTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE – 30th September 2015

APPLICATION NO: 15/2844N

PROPOSAL: Outline application for the erection of 47 dwellings, with associated works

ADDRESS: Land South of Hassall Road, Winterley, Cheshire

APPLICANT: Himor (Land) limited

CORRECTION

There is an error within reason for refusal 2 as it refers to the Council being able to demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply. The updated recommendation is set out below.

RECOMMENDATION:

REFUSE for the following reasons:

1. The proposed residential development is unsustainable because it is located within the Open Countryside contrary to Policies NE.2 (Open Countryside), NE.12 (Agricultural Land Quality) and RES.5 (Housing in the Open Countryside) of the Crewe and Nantwich Replacement Local Plan, Policy PG5 of the emerging Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy – Submission Version and the principles of the National Planning Policy Framework, which seek to ensure development is directed to the right location and open countryside is protected from inappropriate development and maintained for future generations enjoyment and use. As such it creates harm to interests of acknowledged importance.
2. The proposal would result in loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land, the applicant has failed to demonstrate that there is a need for the development, which could not be accommodated elsewhere. The use of the best and most versatile agricultural land is unsustainable and contrary to Policy NE.12 of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich Replacement Local plan 2011 and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework.
3. The application includes insufficient information to demonstrate that the proposed development would not involve the removal of an “important” hedgerow as defined in the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. Therefore the scheme is contrary to Policy NE.5 of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich Replacement Local plan 2011 and guidance contained within the NPPF.
4. The proposed development is located within Open Countryside and would have a severe adverse impact upon Hassall Road, Pool Lane and

Coppice Road due to the sub-standard nature of these highway routes. As a result the development would not achieve a safe and suitable access to the site for all people and this would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the scheme notwithstanding a shortfall in housing land supply. The development is therefore contrary to Policies BE.3, TRAN.1 and TRAN.3 of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich Replacement Local plan 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 32).

In order to give proper effect to the Board's/Committee's intentions and without changing the substance of the decision, authority is delegated to the Head of Planning (Regulation), in consultation with the Chair (or in her absence the Vice Chair) of Southern Planning Committee, to correct any technical slip or omission in the wording of the resolution, between approval of the minutes and issue of the decision notice.

Should the application be subject to an appeal, the following Heads of Terms should be secured as part of any S106 Agreement:

- 1. A scheme for the provision of 30% affordable housing – 65% to be provided as social rent/affordable rent with 35% intermediate tenure. The scheme shall include:**
 - The numbers, type, tenure and location on the site of the affordable housing provision**
 - The timing of the construction of the affordable housing and its phasing in relation to the occupancy of the market housing**
 - The arrangements for the transfer of the affordable housing to an affordable housing provider or the management of the affordable housing if no Registered Social Landlord is involved**
 - The arrangements to ensure that such provision is affordable for both first and subsequent occupiers of the affordable housing; and**
 - The occupancy criteria to be used for determining the identity of occupiers of the affordable housing and the means by which such occupancy criteria shall be enforced.**
- 2. Provision of Public Open Space and a LEAP (5 pieces of equipment) to be maintained by a private management company**
- 3. Secondary School Education Contribution of £114,399**
- 4. A contribution of £40,000 towards off-site highway improvements**