

**SOUTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**UPDATE TO AGENDA**

**APPLICATION NO.**

15/5280C

**LOCATION**

*Lawton Mere Nurseries, Cherry Lane, Rode Heath, ST7 3QX.*

**UPDATE PREPARED**

*1<sup>st</sup> February 2016*

**Affordable Housing**

The agent for the applicant has put forward that their client would be willing to consider a contribution for a financial contribution (off-site) towards affordable housing.

The Strategic Housing Manager has stated that on site provision is preferable. The SHMA evidences a need for affordable housing and so the only reasons that the Council would look for a commuted sum would be if there was an agreement that the site was not suitable for affordable housing, or if the developer provided the Council with proof that no registered providers were interested in taking affordable units at the site.

**Deferral**

The agent has also requested that the application be deferred until the change of use to storage and distribution has been implemented.

This is considered to be an inadequate justification to defer an application. Applications are required to be determined in a timely manner and whilst the Applicant say they intend to implement the development at the end of March, they could re-apply at that time for a fresh assessment

**RECOMMENDATION**

No change to the recommendation.