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Planning Inspectorate Appeal Ref No: APP/D1265/W/20/3265649

Address of Appeal Site: Homestead Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton, Bridport DT6 4BJ

Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council are against the appeal proposals, and support the reasons given by the Local Planning Authority.

We continue to stress the sensitivity of the location of the development, in the heart of a historic village set in a Conservation Area in an AONB. This makes it all the more essential that relevant planning Policies are adhered to. This development is contrary to these Policies, and clearly does very little to preserve or enhance the Area, however much the Appeal strains at length to argue otherwise.

It must thankfully be rare for a development of such size and sensitivity to deviate so much from the original planning permission, not just in terms of height and positioning, but also in terms of the architecture and the materials used, which are in multiple styles and out of character with surrounding properties, many of which are listed.

We continue to find it hard to understand why, for such a costly and prestigious development in such a location, the applicants chose at the outset to submit hand drawn plans. This does not give the applicants carte blanche to play fast and loose with the heights and dimensions. It goes some way to explaining why the applicants have given a range of different measurements for the building in their various submissions. The Council and local residents have a right to expect plans to be accurate and to be adhered to.

The appeal does not seem to acknowledge the significance of the fact that the main house is apparently up to 3 metres shorter than planned, thus bringing the two wings much closer to the road and to the surrounding properties.

Overall, the development is overbearing and has caused dismay in much of our community. We look forward to an early and satisfactory resolution. The enormous swell of genuine and valid concern, as well as deep upset about the project from a large proportion of the local community affected by the project, should not be ignored.

The Parish Council will continue to take a close interest in this matter.



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