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8th July 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2 (As amended)

Application No: M/48/22/PD

Site Address: 48 Lane End Road Middleton on Sea PO22 6LT

Description of works: Notification for prior approval under Schedule 2 Part 1 Class AA for the construction of one additional storey.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 7th July 2022 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

OWPC48862

Dear Sir/Madam

I support this application.

I live nearby to this proposed development at 48 Lane End Rd (but not in Lane End Rd itself), which is why I am aware of it.

I have several general comments. These comments are made as an interested local, and are as follows:

1. Many of those who comment on planning applications seem to oppose all development, regardless of its merits.
2. It is preferable that existing houses are allowed to be developed (and that such development includes being allowed to expand from a single-story to a two storey home) instead of the alternative, which is that all existing homes should stay as they are and new homes will be built on the fields in the local area. I oppose the "residential sprawl" that has blighted other nearby villages and would much rather that the existing housing stock be upgraded. Like me, I doubt that those objecting to the proposals for 48 Lane End Road would welcome (for example) the construction of hundreds of new houses in the fields immediately to the north of Elmer/Middleton.
3. There is no law or policy objective which seeks to keep the housing stock frozen in time. The only exception is that there rules applying to conservation areas and listed buildings which aim to protect England's cultural and architectural heritage. However, the properties in Lane End Rd are not in a conservation area, nor are they listed. This means that anyone buying one of the properties (including the bungalows) does so knowing that other bungalows in the area may be developed and that they too can expect to be allowed develop their own bungalow if they wish.
4. Some of the comments suggest that this development should be opposed because it will detract from the stock of housing available to the elderly/infirm. But the local area needs a diversity of residents, some elderly, some families etc, to support the shops, schools, and amenities in the area. That ensures that the area is a thriving community with a long-term future. And it is best achieved by ensuring the housing stock is also mixed. So if some property owners want to update their properties to make them suitable for younger

residents with families, they should be allowed to do this. The Elmer/Middleton area as a whole does have a lot of elderly residents but there is no obligation to ensure the housing in the area prioritises this group over other groups. Naturally, the community does need to ensure that elderly residents are looked after but this is best done through retirement communities and supported housing. There are several excellent retirement communities in the local area (indeed there are plans to build more of them locally), but Lane End Road is not one of them.

5. The reality is that the country need more housing. That being so, there is going to be development. The simple question is what kind of development there is going to be; the upgrading and enlarging of exiting property or new estates? My view is that options with existing properties should be looked at first before we build new estates on greenfield sites.

My specific comment is to note that (as someone interested in the history of the area) I understand that the plan when Lane End Road was developed originally, was to have all the properties in it being of the same types as the tall houses at the southern half of the road. It was only due to the original builders experiencing financial difficulties that the northern half of the road was completed with bungalows (bungalows being cheaper to construct). So had the original intention been carried out the whole road would have been built out with houses large enough for families.

Yours faithfully

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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