

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**  
**TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**Agenda Item 4**

**Application Ref. 20/00158/REM**

**Land off Eccleshall Road, Loggerheads**

Since the publication of the main agenda report a further letter of objection has been received. In addition to points already summarised in the main agenda report, the following comments are made:

- The application is being rushed to Committee despite the developer and Council ignoring government advice and residents' concerns because the Council wish to sell the land. The Council must show that it has judged the planning application fairly despite its interest in the sale of the land.
- Although the woodland is in part somewhat degraded by coniferous planting, recent replanting of broadleaf species suggests the Forestry Commission's desire to restore the woodland. The woodland is highly valuable.
- Council officers have been informed of the Government PPG and have ignored it out of ignorance or required obedience. If elected officers refuse to correctly inform the staff of the Council to correctly carry out their duties then it is clear that a systemic abuse of power is at work within the Council.
- It is requested that elected members ensure that either:
  - The developers are informed that the application is not ready for Committee because government guidance has not been complied with
  - The sale of the land is withdrawn
  - The elected members agree to refuse permission
- Additionally, the particulars of this sale require investigation.
- Should the Council decide to illegally grant planning permission, a judicial review will be sought from the High Court and details of the sale will be sought to see if the democratic integrity of the Council has been compromised.

Your Officer's comments

The Council's ownership of the land has had no bearing on Officer's consideration of the scheme. The matter of the impact of the development on Burnt Wood ancient woodland has been considered fully in the agenda report.

The Secretary of State has received a request to 'call in' the application and therefore has requested that the Council does not issue a positive decision until the Secretary of State has had time to consider the application against the Government's call in criteria. For the avoidance of doubt the recommendation is amended to make reference to this.

**The RECOMMENDATION is revised as follows:**

**Subject to the Secretary of State being advised that the Council is minded to approve the application and subject to the Secretary of State confirming that he does not wish to call in the application, PERMIT subject to conditions relating to the following:**

- **Link to outline planning permission and conditions**
- **Approved plans**
- **Provision of access, parking and turning areas for each dwelling**
- **Retention of garages for parking**

- **Provision of cycle storage for dwellings with no garage**
- **Adoption plan**
- **Details of traffic calming measures on internal road layout**
- **Detailed tree protection plan**
- **Site specific Arboricultural Method Statement**
- **Landscaping scheme**
- **Details of paths, seating and planting within public open space**
- **Details of linkages from public open space to woodland**
- **Details of management of public open space**
- **Details of materials**
- **Drainage details**