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Planning Department
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission P/25/0151 – Y Goedwig, Cardiff Road, Edwardsville, Treharris, CF46 5NB

I write in relation to the above planning permission, and in particular Condition 3, 4, 6 and 8. These conditions requiring the submission of information to be agreed by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of any works onsite. Condition 3 relates to biodiversity enhancement, condition 4 relates to a landscaping scheme, condition 6 relates to structural calculations for any retaining walls in excess of 1m, and condition 8 relates to surface water disposal.

This letter covers an application for a non-material amendment to amend the triggers for the submission of this information as outlined in more detail below. The purpose for this submission is to allow the applicant to commence works on the demolition of the existing garage, and laying of foundations for the proposed annexe in advance of the discharge of the conditions outlined above. The requirement for the submission of the information required by these conditions will delay the commencement of development by at least 8 weeks, i.e. the determination periods for a conditions discharge application, plus the time delay associated with instructing a landscape architect, structural engineer, etc. The development is required for the applicants parents and therefore it is vital that works can commence as soon as possible. The adjusting of the condition triggers accords with the tests for an NMA as discussed in more detail below.

For the sake of clarity it is proposed to amend the wording of Condition 3 to:

“The biodiversity/ecology enhancement shall be completed in accordance with details as shown on Drawing No. ECO-01 and in accordance with the associated information submitted on (LPA to insert relevant date), which includes 1no. bat box, 1no. bird box, the proposed pond, and hedgehog gaps in boundaries, prior to first occupation of the annexe hereby approved, and retained thereafter in perpetuity”

It is proposed to amend the wording of Condition 4 to:

“Prior to first occupation of the annexe hereby approved, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for a scheme of landscaping, which shall include details of the proposed wildflower area, planting beds, hedgerow and new trees illustrated on drawing number PL01. The scheme shall also include indications of all existing trees (including spread and species) and hedgerows on the land, identify those to be retained and set out measures for their protection throughout the course of development. All planting, seeding or turfing comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding seasons following the occupation of the annexe or the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner; and any trees or plants which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.”

It is proposed to amend the wording of Condition 6 to:

“Prior to the commencement of any works above finished floor level, details, including structural calculations and facing materials, of any retaining wall which exceeds 1 metre in height have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The walls shall be completed in accordance with the approved details before the development hereby approved is brought into beneficial use.”

It is proposed to amend the wording of Condition 8 to:

“Prior to the commencement of any works above finished floor level, details of a scheme for the disposal of surface water has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to the occupation of the annexe development and retained in perpetuity.”

In terms of the tests for a non-material amendment, the proposed amended wording as outlined above is considered to satisfy the relevant tests on the basis that the impact of the development would not differ from that originally approved, the proposed wording would not conflict with any relevant planning policies, and no third party would be disadvantaged. On this basis it is respectfully requested that the conditions are amended in accordance with the suggested wording as outlined above.

Kind regards

Chris Boardman (Agent)