

Hawkwell Parish Council's Planning Application Responses

Please note, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, meetings were unable to take place, but the planning applications were reviewed accordingly by Members and the Chair of Planning and responses were sent into Rochford District Council by the Clerk.

12th May 2020 Responses

Responsibility: Delegated

Application No.20/00227/FUL. 5 Woodville Close, Rochford SS4 1SN Loft conversion with front and rear flat roof dormers

My Council has no objection to this application.

Application No. 20/00340/FUL. 2 Mount Villas, Mount Bovers Lane, Hawkwell SS5 4JQ Single storey rear/side extension with roof lantern to rear element and front canopy roof.

My Council has no objection to this application.

Application No. 20/00361/FUL. 16 Stanley Road, Ashingdon SS4 3JB

Proposed first floor extension over existing dwelling to create 2 storey house and single storey rear extension.

My Council has no objection to this application.

3rd June 2020 Responses

Responsibility: Delegated

Application No. 20/00413/FUL. 32 Allerton Close, Ashingdon SS4 3AR Single Storey Pitched Roof Side Extension

My Council has no objection to this application.

Application No. 20/00393/FUL. Unit 57 Magees Nursery, Windsor Gardens Hawkwell Retrospective Change of Use of a Redundant Agricultural Building to Light Industrial Use.

My Council has no objection to this application.

Application No. 20/00400/FUL. 2 Beehive Lane, Hawkwell SS5 4FG

Proposal for Retrospective Planning Permission to Convert Garage to Habitable Use (storage and garden room/workshop) including Installation of New Fenestration.

My Council has no objection to this application provided a condition is imposed that the garage is not used as a separate habitable space for overnight accommodation.

Application 20/00363/OUT. Bloor Homes, Aber Ltd, A.W. Squire Ltd, D.W. Squire Ltd Land East of Ashingdon Road & North of Rochford Garden Way.

Outline application for the demolition of Nos 148 & 150 Ashingdon Road, removal of highway tree and form access onto Ashingdon Road, form secondary access onto Percy Cottis Road to serve residential development of 665 dwellings and community building with associated infrastructure.

OVERDEVELOPMENT

1. The Parish Council object to the size of this development. When the site was evaluated, 500 properties were proposed with a possible 5% extra for contingencies. At the public examination, the Inspector removed the 5% allowance and said each site would be determined on its merits. We believe an extra 165 dwellings is unreasonable.**TRAFFIC GENERATION/ACCESS**

2. Although the traffic impact study reveals that Ashingdon Road and other roads will be over capacity, it is suggested that this could be overcome by employers and employees staggering working hours which is unrealistic. The development of this site, added to the earlier sites in the Core Strategy, amounts to an additional 1,500 properties which is a substantial increase in a small area.
3. Percy Cottis Road is an unsuitable entrance. The Rochford Garden Way estate is a well-designed, attractive development built in 1950. To open up Percy Cottis Road, which crosses the centre of the estate, will substantially increase the level of traffic. The only way to exit the circle is through Somerset Avenue or The Drive. This has become difficult to navigate because of excessive on-street parking.
4. Construction traffic would presumably route from Brays Lane, eastwards, through Doggetts Chase and out through Doggetts Close and Stillwells. This would take heavy loads and traffic through a public footpath next to Doggetts' Wildlife area and fishing lakes, bringing the traffic out to the Stambridge Road on a bend. This is unsuitable and dangerous.

LOSS OF VIEW/PRIVACY

5. Affordable housing/social housing flats would overlook many bungalows in Oxford Road which are predominately occupied by elderly people.
6. The rear of properties from no. 200-166 Ashingdon Road all face the proposed site which has been open fields/farmland for a considerable length of time.

NOISE & DISTURBANCE

7. Affordable housing/social housing by its very nature will accommodate more children. There would therefore be more noise disturbance for existing residents.
8. The Community Centre is proposed to be sited in front of properties on the Ashingdon Road. This will be detrimental to the existing residents who will experience increased noise and general disturbance generated from such buildings.

LOSS OF TREES & VEGETATION / AREAS OF NATURE/PROTECTION TO WILDLIFE

9. The Tree Assessment Report proposes to remove all the trees on the site with only trees within residents' gardens to be retained.
10. All trees and shrubs will also be removed along the ditch line. This will result in a mass of wildlife displacement and although new trees and shrubs are proposed to be planted elsewhere on the site, these by their nature will take a long time to become established and for wildlife to occupy the habitat.

For all the reasons listed, Hawkwell Parish Council **objects** to this application.

9th June 2020 Responses

Responsibility: Delegated

Application No. 20/00441/FUL. 28 Highwell Gardens, Hawkwell SS5 4LY

Proposed side/rear single storey extension

My Council has no objection to this application