

**APPLICATION NO: F/YR19/1029/F**

**DESCRIPTION: Erect 19 x 2-storey dwellings with garages Plots 13 & 14 only (comprising of 10 x 2-bed, 7 x 3-bed and 2 x 4-bed)**

**SITE LOCATION: Land West Of Hereward Hall, County Road, March, Cambridgeshire**

#### **UPDATE**

Comments have been received from Councillor Ruth Johnson, a March Town Councillor (albeit her comments are not the formal comments of the Town Council which remain as per the report) as well as a Teaching Assistant at All Saints Primary School. The comments are summarised as follows:

- Drainage – since the housing was built at All Saints Close there have been problems with the drains blocking. Adding further houses to this sewer will cause problems.
- Access to the construction site and construction traffic concerns in relation to All Saints School. Speed restrictions and no HGVs during school run times should be considered.
- Density – there seems to be too many houses for the size of the site. Concerns with loss of privacy and the view of the park for existing residents of All Saints Close.
- Admission requirements for All Saints Primary School – future residents should not presume that their child will have a place at this school.
- The All Saints Primary school may take part in a scheme which reduces traffic around schools. This involves the road being closed off to traffic at school drop off times, therefore construction and future resident traffic will not have access to County Road.
- Deer and rabbits are regularly seen on this site as it adjoins the park. As this land is adjacent the park why not donate this green space to the community?

The comments have been noted. The matters which have been raised in relation to drainage, construction traffic, density (including loss of privacy) and biodiversity have already been addressed within the main body of the report. The comment in respect of admission requirements is noted but the County Council has an obligation under educational legislation to provide schooling for children: this may not necessarily be at the nearby school and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In relation to the potential scheme to reduce traffic this is not a scheme which the school currently participates in and any temporary road closures would again be covered by separate legislation (highways) and would be considered in that manner. A construction management plan is proposed to be included as a condition and this would need to respond to such measures should they be in place. Future residents would be aware of any restrictions should they exist.

**Recommendation: Remains approval as detailed at Agenda Item 6, pages 57-71.**