

APPLICATION NO: F/YR20/0940/F**SITE LOCATION: Land West Of The Sportsman, Main Road, Elm, Cambridgeshire****UPDATE**

Additional consultation responses from CCC Archaeology and FDC Environmental Health, as well as Elm Parish Council.

CCC Archaeology received 09.03.2021

Our records indicate that this site lies in an area of archaeological potential, situated 100m south-west of the Grade I listed medieval Church of All Saints (National Heritage List for England reference 1331971), and adjacent to two other Grade II listed structures, including the host property the Sportsman Public House (NHLE ref 1125940). The site is bounded to the south-west by an area previously subject to archaeological evaluation in advance of development which identified medieval and post-medieval remains (Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record reference CB14804).

Despite this, the most recently submitted Design & Access statement (Rev G) asserts that 'there are no ground works or excavations taking place on site, the new surface will be laid over the existing ground level'. On this basis we have no objections or requirements on archaeological grounds to the development from proceeding as proposed. We would however request to be consulted again if the proposed scheme evolves away from this 'no-dig' strategy.

FDC Environmental Health received in response to the Planning Officer's concerns regarding the enforceability of the Noise Management Plan 08.03.2021

I would say that most of the noise management plan is unenforceable. You could check the gates are closed relatively easily after a certain time or there are no events on the car park, but how do you check how many strikes a person has, or deal with people slamming car doors and playing stereo loud on way into car park. Are they still moving forward with an acoustic fence?

There seems to be no mention of this on the revised plan and design and access statement. In my mind it is key to allowing this proposal because it is next to impossible to control individuals behaviour and so technical measures are always a priority over behavioural controls. My experience of pubs is that it is difficult for staff to control individual behaviour and keep people quiet particularly when busy. Normally staff only step in when things get out of hand such as fights and such, but people being loud and having a good time is normally not challenged. It would not make good business sense to challenge customers unnecessarily.

The previous submission has a barrier but it was sparse on detail such as the amount of noise it would attenuate. It is important that sufficient acoustic data is available for us to make a consideration. I would have to agree with the Planning Officer as car doors shutting, people shouting and car stereos are short lived and hard to measure and normal noise associated with a pub car park hence the need for a noise barrier.

The barrier seems to have dropped off and with the Planning Officer's comments I can see why they want to refuse.

Elm Parish Council received 13.03.21

Elm Parish Council continues to support proposals included in planning application ref. F/YR20/0940/F and submits the following comments for inclusion in the Officer's report;

- The Sportsman Public House is a valuable community facility which needs to be supported in order to ensure its continued presence in the village.*
- The provision of parking spaces will help to address the problem of vehicles parking around the adjacent War Memorial and also along the Main Road.*

Resolution: No change to the recommendation which is to refuse the application as per Section 12 of Agenda item 4 on page 15.