

PLANNING COMMITTEE: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015

DIRECTORATE: Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning

DIRECTOR: Steven Boyes

N/2014/1477: Land adjoining 6 Faramir Place

WARD: Talavera

APPLICANT: Ms. S. Henry

AGENT: None

REFERRED BY: Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning

REASON: Council owned land

DEPARTURE: NO

### **APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION:**

### 1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 **APPROVAL** subject to the conditions as set out below and for the following reason:

The proposed development will have no significant undue impact upon surrounding visual and residential amenity, and is considered acceptable and in accordance with Policy E20 of the Northampton Local Plan, Policy S10 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework.

### 2. THE PROPOSAL

2.1 Permission is sought for the change of use of a small area of ground to the rear of the property from amenity space to domestic garden and to be enclosed with boundary fencing of 1.8m high.

#### 3. SITE DESCRIPTION

3.1 An end of terrace dwelling located in a residential area, with modest size garden and parking spaces to the side. At the rear is a footpath.

### 4. PLANNING HISTORY

- 4.1 None.
- 5. PLANNING POLICY

# 5.1 **Development Plan**

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires a planning application to be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise. The Development Plan for the purposes of this application comprises the adopted West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (2014) and Northampton Local Plan (1997) saved policies.

### 5.2 National Policies

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the current aims and objectives for the planning system and how these should be applied. In delivering sustainable development, decisions should have regard to the mutually dependent social, economic and environmental roles of the planning system. The NPPF should be read as one complete document. However, the following section is of particular relevance to this application:

Para.17 – always seek to secure a high quality design and a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings.

# 5.3 West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (2014)

The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) provides an up to date evidence base and considers the current Government requirements for plan making as it has been prepared in full conformity with the NPPF.

**Policy S10 – Sustainable Development Principles:** achieve the highest standards of sustainable design incorporating safety and security considerations and a strong sense of place.

# 5.4 Northampton Local Plan 1997 (Saved Policies)

Due to the age of the plan, the amount of weight that can be attributed to the aims and objectives of this document are diminished, however, the following policy is material to this application:

**Policy E20** – allows for new development providing that the design reflects the character of its surroundings in terms of layout, siting, form, scale & appropriate use of materials and that the proposal is designed and located to ensure adequate standards of privacy, daylight and sunlight.

### 6. **CONSULTATIONS/ REPRESENTATIONS**

6.1 None received.

### 7. APPRAISAL

- 7.1 The vacant ground measures 2.75m x 6.71m and is located to the rear of the property, which is adjacent to footpaths. The land is currently laid to lawn but is not considered to be of high amenity value.
- 7.2 The proposed change of use of the land to be incorporated as part of the rear garden area of no.6 is considered acceptable. The proposed fencing will be in

keeping with surroundings and will have no undue impacts upon visual and residential amenity. The application is recommended for approval.

### 9. CONDITIONS

(1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to accord with the terms of the planning application.

(2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: location plan, site plan, elevations.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to accord with the terms of the planning application.

### 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 N/2014/1477.

### 11. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None.

### 12. SUMMARY AND LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN

12.1 In reaching the attached recommendations regard has been given to securing the objectives, visions and priorities outlined in the Corporate Plan together with those of associated Frameworks and Strategies.





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# **6 Faramir Place**

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