

Statement by Borley Parish Meeting

App. No. 20 01833 FUL – Cherry Tree Barn, Hall Road, Borley

Further to the Committee letter of 5 Feb regarding development at Cherry Tree Barn and the Planning Meeting scheduled for 16 Feb, I make the following additional submission on behalf of the Borley Parish Meeting.

The Village Design Statement for Borley is an important and valued document in the Parish is a unanimously accepted view of the community as to the on-going future developments that are suitable for the village within the District Council Planning Policies for this part of the area. In addition to the conversion of existing redundant farm buildings for residential use, the scope for additional new buildings is limited in Borley and is encapsulated in the VDS policy 7.8 which states....' Where a new property is approved, the siting, design and materials must be in harmony with the countryside setting and sympathetic in scale and ridge heights to nearby properties'.

At the present time, there is approval on the site for the conversion of a utility concrete structure which is sited on the boundary ditch of the adjoining property and which is the subject of an objection by the neighbour.

The alternative proposal under this application is for an attractive and individual building away from the boundary and additionally proposes the demolition of the concrete structure (and the planning permission attached) plus the removal of an ugly concrete block built set of stables at the front of the site. Further to this, a large industrial and obsolete grain barn is due for removal under the permission previously granted for the conversion of the Cherry Tree Barn itself. All in all, this current proposal would see a real improvement to the site and is greatly supported by all the nearby parishioners and in the wider village. The application is also acceptable with respect to the policy terms of the Borley VDS. Accordingly, the Parish of Borley wholeheartedly supports this planning scheme and urges the Committee to approve the application.

On a final note, the current barn conversion that is being undertaken by the applicant is of the highest standard and villagers are appreciative of the improvements to the site which previously proved a blight on the locality with a poor hotch-potch of redundant and deteriorating agricultural and industrial buildings.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Douglas B New (Chairman of the Borley Parish Meeting)