



## TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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### Planning application 20/00161/var Great Warley Hall Fairstead CM3 2BJ

#### Statement to Planning Committee 13 April 2021

The Parish Council has considered the Officers report to committee on the revised application.

We note the application was first registered on 27 January 2020. May Officers please explain to the Committee why this has taken in excess of a year to bring forward to determine? Members should be aware the Parish Council and its District Councillors requested a progress update on 10 March 2021 which has brought this application to advancement today.

Once again, the Parish Council seeks to reconfirm its view that to relax or vary occupancy condition 2 of the existing permission, continues to set a dangerous precedent for other consents in the Parish and indeed the wider BDC area as the policy clearly stated as RLP 18 of the adopted Local Plan document is:-

“Proposals for self-contained annexes...to meet the needs of dependent relatives, will be permitted, ensuring a condition or obligation that it will remain ancillary accommodation occupied in association with the main dwelling.....”

We note the Officers recommendation to approve, and additionally all that is said about replacement policy LLP 38 (which is clearly stated in the report before you). We too now appreciate “the direction of travel” being promoted by Officers under the draft Local Plan but the comment that policy LLP 38 whilst it can only be given limited weight:-

“provides comfort that the proposal to amend the condition is not so unacceptable that it should be refused.”

This comment suggests BDC is expecting other applications to vary their separate present occupational restrictions on annexes and may use any consent, as may be granted, as evidential precedent under this “not so unacceptable” opinion expressed by your Officers.

Thank you