

## REPORT TO PLANNING COMMITTEE

### 4th December 2019

Application Reference	DC/19/63633
Application Received	11th October 2019
Application Description	Proposed 4 No. additional fourth floor flats to 5 No. existing blocks with a new pitched roof, two main entrance extensions and lift, new car parking area and accessible pathways.  Proposed new pitched roof, new shop fronts, roller shutters, front canopies and re-cladding of existing Lion Farm shops and flats.
Application Address	Coniston, Derwent, Rydal, Ullswater & Windermere Houses, Badsey Road & Lion Farm Shops And Flats, Hartlebury Road, Oldbury
Applicant	Mr Phil Deery, Sandwell MBC, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, B69 3DE
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Contribution towards Vision 2030:	
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	RECOMMENDATION
That Members Visit the site	

## 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 This application has been reported to your Planning Committee because the applicant is Sandwell Council and the proposal has generated local interest. By reporting the application at an early stage, it will enable Members to visit the site but also adhere to government timescales.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF KEY CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 The material planning considerations will be addressed at the next meeting in the full report.

#### 3. The APPLICATION SITE

- 3.1 The application site is split over two locations.
- 3.2 The larger of the two sites relates to five individual blocks of flats on the north-western side of Badsey Road, Oldbury on the Lion Farm Estate. These blocks of flats are known as Windermere House, Coniston House, Rydal house, Derwent House and Ullswater House.
- 3.3 The second site is contained with the Lion Farm shops themselves, within a Local Centre on the northern side of Hartlebury Road, Oldbury.

#### 4. PLANNING HISTORY

4.2 There is no relevant planning history.

## 5. APPLICATION DETAILS

- 5.1 The applicant proposes to erect four additional fourth floor flats to each of the five existing blocks (Windermere House, Coniston House, Rydal house, Derwent House and Ullswater House). A new pitched roof is also proposed with two main entrance extensions and internal lift, with new car parking area and accessible pathways.
- 5.2 With regards to the Lion Farm shops and flats the applicant proposes a new pitched roof, new shop fronts with roller shutters and front canopies and with the re-cladding of the whole building.

#### 6. PUBLICITY

6.1 The application has been publicised by 374 neighbour notification letters, by site notice and press notice. Comments received will be reported to your next committee.

#### 7. STATUTORY CONSULTATION

7.1 All statutory consultations will be reported at your next meeting.

#### 8. GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE/NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

8.1 National Planning Policy Framework promotes sustainable development but states that that local circumstances should be taken into account to reflect the character, needs and opportunities for each area.

#### 9. LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

9.1 All statutory consultations will be reported at your next meeting.

#### 10. MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 All statutory consultations will be reported at your next meeting.

#### 11. IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 11.1 The proposal supports Ambitions 7 and 10 of the Sandwell Vision 2030:
- 11.2 Ambition 7 We now have many new homes to meet a full range of housing needs in attractive neighbourhoods and close to key transport routes.
- 11.3 Ambition 10 Sandwell has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focussed on what really matters in people's lives and communities.

## 12. CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 That Members visit the site in order to allow the application to be determined within the statutory time period.

#### 13. STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 When a planning application is refused the applicant has a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, and they can make a claim for costs against the council.

#### 14. LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

14.1 This application is submitted under section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

#### 15. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

15.1 There are no equalities issues arising from this proposal and therefore an equality impact assessment has not been carried out.

#### 16. DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

16.1 The planning application and accompanying documentation is a public document.

## 17. CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

17.1 Comments will be reported at your next meeting.

## 18. SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

18.1 Comments will be reported at your next meeting.

# 19. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

19.1 Comments will be reported at your next meeting.

## 20. IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

20.1 The proposal is on Council owned land.

#### 21. APPENDICES:

Site Plan Context Plan

