LATE ITEMS REPORT

FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24 JULY 2007

B2 - 2007/114 : LAND OFF MICHAEL WIFE LANE, EDENFIELD

This application, seeking outline permission for an agricultural workers dwelling, has been withdrawn by the applicant.

B5 - 2007/293: LAND TO REAR OF 183 BURNLEY ROAD, RAWTENSTALL

The report appearing on the main agenda refers to objections from 3 local residents. Two of these objectors have re-iterated their objections, expressing concern principally about the following matters:

- The adequacy/accuracy of the submitted drawings;
- The substantial increase to the previously permitted dwelling;
- The damage which construction will do to Laund Street/to drainage;
- Adequacy of Laund Street to serve the dwelling /need for it to be adopted by the Council.

It remains my view that this application, to change the house-type permitted by Committee in June 2006, should be approved.

B8 - 2007/381 : LAUND BANK, RAWTENSTALL

Two objections have been received from residents of properties at the bottom of the access road leading up to Laund Bank, where it passes through a very narrow gap between buildings. They do not object to the proposed extension as such, but to the harm to the access road/neighbouring properties which may arise from the traffic which construction/use of the extension will generate.

Having regard to the restricted width/condition of the access road as it passes between buildings at the bottom of the hill I can appreciate the objectors' concerns about its use by construction traffic. However, I do not consider this, or the additional traffic generated by the dwelling if extended, to provide grounds to refuse the application.

The application is recommended for refusal based on the size/impact of the extension proposed for a dwelling located within the countryside. The existing house has a floor-area over 2 floors of some 180 square metres (including the kitchen to be demolished). The proposal would add approximately 155 square metres, an increase in floor-area of around 86%. The existing house has a volume of approx 575 sq m, and the proposed extension will add to this by approx 390 sq m, amounting to an increase in volume of approx 68%.

Accordingly, the proposed extension is considered to be of a scale which is out of proportion to the existing building, and the design solution proposed does not pay sufficient attention to the form of the existing building.

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