



# TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Planning Services

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**APPLICANT:** Mr Steve Williams - Hills  
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**AGENT:**

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**APPLICATION NO:** 20/00153/FUL

**DATE REGISTERED:** 26th February 2020

Proposed Development and Location of Land:

**Proposed amendment to north east and south east corners of 19/01179/DETAIL by removing plots 11, 25 and 26 to introduce 11 new homes. Net increase of 8 and 2 which are affordable homes. Land to The East of Tye Road Elmstead Colchester**

THE TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL AS LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY **HEREBY REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION** in accordance with the application form, supporting documents and plans submitted for the following reason(s)

- 1 Following Natural England's recent advice and the introduction of Zones of Influences around all European Designated Sites (i.e. Ramsar, Special Protection Areas and Special Area of Conservation). Within Zones of Influences (which the site falls within) Natural England are requesting financial contributions to mitigate against any recreational impact from new dwellings. Under the Habitats Regulations, a development which is likely to have a significant effect or an adverse effect (alone or in combination) on a European designated site must provide mitigation or otherwise must satisfy the tests of demonstrating 'no alternatives' and 'reasons of overriding public interest'. There is no precedent for a residential development meeting those tests, which means that all residential development must provide mitigation. The application scheme proposes eight new dwellings (in net terms, beyond replacement dwellings) on a site that lies within the Zone of Influence (Zol) being approximately 4.6km from the Colne Estuary Ramsar site and 8.7km from the Stour Estuary Ramsar site. New housing development within the Zol would be likely to increase the number of recreational visitors to the Colne and the Stour and Orwell Estuaries and in combination with other developments it is likely that the proposal would have significant effects on the designated sites. Mitigation measures must therefore be secured prior to occupation.

A proportionate financial contribution has not been secured in accordance with the emerging Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) requirements. As submitted, there is no certainty that the development would not adversely affect the integrity of Habitats sites. The proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to Policies EN6 and EN11a of the Saved Tendring District Local Plan 2007, Policy PPL4 of the emerging Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft and Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitat and Species

Regulations 2017.

- 2 Paragraph 34 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 (NPPF) state that Local Plans should set out the contributions expected from development. This should include setting out the levels and types of affordable housing provision required. Paragraph 63 of the NPPF states provision of affordable housing should be sought for residential developments that are major developments. Within the glossary of the NPPF (2019), major development is defined as development where 10 or more homes will be provided, or the site has an area of 0.5 hectares or more. This proposal represents part of a larger site for residential development and is therefore required to contribute to affordable housing.

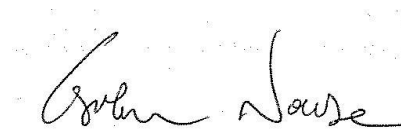
Policy HG4 in the adopted Local Plan requires large residential developments to provide 40% of new dwellings as affordable housing for people who cannot otherwise afford to buy or rent on the open market. Policy LP5 in the emerging Local Plan, which is based on more up to date evidence on viability, requires 30% of new dwellings on large sites to be made available for affordable or Council Housing.

There is a high demand for housing in Elmstead from households on the housing register and it has been agreed that two 2 bedroom dwellings are required for affordable housing.

Although the applicant has confirmed agreement a completed Section 106 agreement to secure the above-mentioned planning obligations has not been provided and the application is therefore contrary to the above policies.

**DATED:** 22nd April 2020

**SIGNED:**




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Graham Nourse  
Acting Assistant Director  
Planning Service

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION :-**

The local planning authority considers that the following policies and proposals in the development plan are relevant to the above decision:

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework February 2019

National Planning Practice Guidance

Tendring District Local Plan 2007

QL1 Spatial Strategy

QL2 Promoting Transport Choice

QL9 Design of New Development

QL10 Designing New Development to Meet Functional Needs

QL11 Environmental Impacts and Compatibility of Uses

QL12 Planning Obligations

HG1 Housing Provision

HG3 Residential Development Within Defined Settlements

HG4 Affordable Housing in New Developments

HG6 Dwelling Size and Type

HG9 Private Amenity Space

HG14 Side Isolation

COM6 Provision of Recreational Open Space for New Residential Development

EN6 Biodiversity

EN6A Protected Species

EN11A Protection of International Sites European Sites and RAMSAR Sites

TR1A Development Affecting Highways

TR7 Vehicle Parking at New Development

Tending District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017)

LP1 Housing Supply

LP2 Housing Choice

LP3 Housing Density and Standards

LP4 Housing Layout

LP5 Affordable and Council Housing

SPL2 Settlement Development Boundaries

SPL3 Sustainable Design

HP5 Open Space, Sports & Recreation Facilities

PPL3 The Rural Landscape

PPL4 Biodiversity and Geodiversity

CP1 Sustainable Transport and Accessibility

Positive and Proactive Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner, clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, allowing the Applicant the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied by a revision to the proposal. The Local Planning Authority is willing to meet with the Applicant to discuss the best course of action and is also willing to provide pre-application advice in respect of any future application for a revised development.

**The attached notes explain the rights of appeal.**

## NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

### WHEN PLANNING PERMISSION IS REFUSED OR GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

#### APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If you want to appeal, then you must do so within the set time frame as outlined below:
  - a. If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a householder application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of this notice. A **Householder Appeal Form** is required, available online at <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>
  - b. If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of this notice. A **Planning Appeal Form** is required, available online at <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>
  - c. If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on a development which is not caught by a. and b. above then you must do so within **6 months** of the date of this notice. A **Planning Appeal Form** is required, available online at <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>
- Appeals must be made using the relevant form (as detailed above) which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. **Please note, only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.**
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions imposed having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.
- If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK.](#)

#### ENFORCEMENT

- If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.

- If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months (12 weeks in the case of a householder or minor commercial appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.