

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

AUTHORISATION		INITIALS	DATE
Planning Officer recommendation:		AP	4/7/2024
EIA Development - Notify Planning Casework Unit of Decision:	NO		
Team Leader authorisation / sign off:		ML	05/07/2024
Assistant Planner final checks and despatch:		ER	05/07/2024

Application: 24/00618/VOC **Town / Parish:** St Osyth Parish Council

Applicant: Mr Hooper

Address: Land adjacent to St Cleres Hall Lane St Osyth

Development: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of 22/01100/FUL - New porch and window to existing approval.

1. Town / Parish Council

St Osyth Parish Council No objections.

2. Consultation Responses

n/a

3. Planning History

22/01100/FUL	Proposed erection of single self-build/custom build dwelling with access onto the highway.	Approved	24.07.2023
23/01638/DISCON	Discharge of Conditions 5, 6 and 7 (Archaeology), Condition 13 (CEMP), Condition 14 (Biodiversity), Condition 17 (Landscaping) and Condition 19 (Energy efficiency) of planning reference 22/01100/FUL.	Approved	18.12.2023
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4. Status of the Local Plan

Planning law requires that decisions on applications must be taken in accordance with the development plan unless there are material considerations that indicate otherwise (Section 70(2) of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). This is set out in Paragraph 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework). The 'development plan' for Tendring comprises, in part, Sections 1 and 2 of the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-33 and Beyond (adopted January 2021 and January 2022, respectively), supported by our suite of evidence base core documents (<https://www.tendringdc.uk/content/evidence-base>) together with any Neighbourhood Plans that have been made and the Minerals and Waste Local Plans adopted by Essex County Council.

In relation to housing supply:

The Framework requires Councils to significantly boost the supply of homes to meet the District's housing need. However, the revised Framework, published on 19th December 2023, sets out in

Paragraph 76 that (for applications made on or after the date of publication of this version of the Framework) local planning authorities are not required to identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide a minimum of five years' worth of housing for decision making purposes if the following criteria are met:

- their adopted plan is less than five years old; and
- that adopted plan identified at least a five-year supply of specific, deliverable sites at the time that its examination concluded.

The adopted Local Plan meets these criteria.

Notwithstanding this updated provision, the Council will continue to demonstrate an updated supply of specific deliverable sites within its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), which is published annually. The most recent SHLAA was published by the Council in November 2023, and demonstrates a 6.44-year supply of deliverable housing sites against the annual requirement of 550 dwellings per annum set out within the adopted Local Plan, plus a 5% buffer to ensure choice and competition in the market. (The SHLAA can be viewed on the Council's website: <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/content/monitoring-and-shlaa>)

On 19th December 2023 the Government published the Housing Delivery Test (HDT) 2022 measurement. Against a requirement for 1,420 homes for 2019-2022, the total number of homes delivered was 2,207. The Council's HDT 2022 measurement was therefore 155%. As a result, the 'tilted balance' at paragraph 11 d) of the Framework does not apply to decisions relating to new housing development.

5. **Neighbourhood Plans**

A neighbourhood plan introduced by the Localism Act that can be prepared by the local community and gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan to promote development and uphold the strategic policies as part of the Development Plan alongside the Local Plan. Relevant policies are considered in the assessment. Further information on our Neighbourhood Plans and their progress can be found via our website <https://www.tendringdc.uk/content/neighbourhood-plans>

6. **Relevant Policies / Government Guidance**

National:

National Planning Policy Framework December 2023 ([NPPF](#))

National Planning Practice Guidance ([NPPG](#))

Local:

Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond North Essex Authorities' Shared Strategic Section 1 Plan (adopted January 2021)

- SP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
- SP2 Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS)
- SP3 Spatial Strategy for North Essex
- SP7 Place Shaping Principles

Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Section 2 (adopted January 2022)

- SPL1 Managing Growth
- SPL2 Settlement Development Boundaries
- SPL3 Sustainable Design
- HP5 Open Space, Sports & Recreation Facilities
- DI1 Infrastructure Delivery and Impact Mitigation
- LP1 Housing Supply
- LP2 Housing Choice
- LP3 Housing Density and Standards
- LP4 Housing Layout

LP7 Self-Build and Custom-Built Homes
PPL2 Coastal Protection Belt
PPL3 The Rural Landscape
PPL4 Biodiversity and Geodiversity
PPL5 Water Conservation, Drainage and Sewerage
PPL10 Renewable Energy Generation
CP1 Sustainable Transport and Accessibility

Supplementary Planning Documents
Tending Landscape Character Assessment
Essex Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy SPD 2020 (RAMS)
Essex Design Guide

Local Planning Guidance
Essex County Council Car Parking Standards - Design and Good Practice

7. **Officer Appraisal**

Site Description

The application site lies to the east of St Cleres Hall Lane, which is part public highway, part private road. The application site is adjacent to the private part of the lane and extends to approximately 0.45 hectares of grassland, bounded on the lane side by a mature hedgerow. The site had previously been used for hay production and grazing sheep. To the north are Numbers 1 and 2 St Cleres Cottages, a pair of semi-detached dwellings, both of which have been extended. To the south are a cluster of dwellings and agricultural development, which includes St Cleres Hall and a Barn, both of which are Listed Buildings, the nearest buildings to the application site at the southern end of the lane however are The Lodge and St Clere's Hall Farmhouse.

The site falls outside of any settlement development boundary and within the Point Clear & Lee Over Sands Coastal Protection Belt.

History

Planning permission (22/01100/FUL) was granted on 24 July 2023 for the development of the site for the construction of one self/custom build dwelling with associated car parking, garaging and private amenity space.

Proposal

This application seeks planning permission for a variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 22/01100/FUL. The changes proposed are detailed as follows:

- An additional first floor window serving bedroom 1 on the south west elevation
- Addition of an oak framed pitched roof porch on the front elevation

Assessment

The main considerations of this application will be the visual impact and the impact on residential amenities.

Design and Appearance

The addition of the first floor window and the front porch, which creates a central design feature, do not have a detrimental impact on the appearance of the new dwelling or on the character of the local area. The footprint and overall design of the proposed dwelling will remain the same.

Given the nature of the proposed changes there is not considered to be any adverse impacts to visual amenity.

Impact on residential amenities

The addition of the first floor window on the south west elevation faces the new driveway serving the dwelling and St Cleres Hall Lane and does not increase the risk of overlooking to neighbouring properties.

The separation distances between the new dwelling and the neighbouring properties remains the same and with this in mind, the addition of a single storey porch considered a minor addition, there will be no significant impact in terms of loss of light to any neighbouring properties.

Other Considerations

St Osyth Parish Council have no objection to the application.

No further representations have been received.

The agreed mitigation contribution secured through the unilateral undertaking under application reference 22/01100/FUL has been paid to the Council. This will ensure that the development would not adversely affect the integrity of European Designated Sites in accordance with Section 1 Policy SP2 and Section 2 Policy PPL4 of the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitat and Species Regulations 2017.

Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is an approach that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand. This excludes applications for Listed Building Consent, Advert Consent, Reserved Matters, Prior Approvals, Lawful Development Certificates, householders, self builds, and other types of application which are below the threshold i.e. does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than 25 sq.m of habitat, or 5m of linear habitats such as hedgerow). This proposal is not therefore applicable for Biodiversity Net Gain.

There are no other impacts in comparison to the previously approved scheme.

Conclusion

In the absence of any material harm as a result of the development, this application is recommended for approval.

8. Recommendation

Approval - Full

9. Conditions

1 APPROVED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

CONDITION: The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the drawings/documents listed below and/or such other drawings/documents as may be approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing pursuant to other conditions of this permission or such drawings/documents as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority as a non-material amendment following an application in that regard (except for Listed Building Consents). Such development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with any Phasing Plan approved, or as necessary in accordance with any successive Phasing Plan as may subsequently be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development pursuant to this condition.

22/01100/FUL

The approved red line plan drawing is DRG. No 1370/04C
DRG. No 1370/09

Notwithstanding the revised plans noted above, the Planning Statement dated June 2022
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Preliminary Roost Assessment

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DRG. No 1370/06
DRG. No 1370/101E
DRG. No 1370/102D

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper phased planning of the development.

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION:

The primary role of this condition is to confirm the approved plans and documents that form the planning decision. Any document or plan not listed in this condition is not approved, unless otherwise separately referenced in other conditions that also form this decision. The second role of this condition is to allow the potential process of Non Material Amendment if found necessary and such future applications shall be considered on their merits. Lastly, this condition also allows for a phasing plan to be submitted for consideration as a discharge of condition application should phasing be needed by the developer/s if not otherwise already approved as part of this permission. A phasing plan submission via this condition is optional and not a requirement.

Please note in the latest revision of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) it provides that Local Planning Authorities should seek to ensure that the quality of approved development is not materially diminished between permission and completion, as a result of changes being made to the permitted scheme (for example through changes to approved details such as the materials used). Accordingly, any future amendment of any kind will be considered in line with this paragraph, alongside the Development Plan and all other material considerations.

Any indication found on the approved plans and documents to describe the plans as approximate and/or not to be scaled and/or measurements to be checked on site or similar, will not be considered applicable and the scale and measurements shown shall be the approved details and used as necessary for compliance purposes and/or enforcement action.

2 ONGOING REQUIREMENT IMPOSED - RESTRICTION ON OPERATION TIMES

CONDITION: The hereby permitted development/use shall only operate between the hours of 8.00 and 18.00 Mondays to Fridays and between the hours of 8.00 and 13.00 on Saturday. There shall be no working and/or use operated on Sundays and Bank Holidays. There shall be no deliveries to the development/use arranged for outside of these approved hours.

REASON: To enable the Local Planning Authority to retain control over the development in the interests of residential amenity within close proximity.

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION:

1) This condition shall engage and restricts the operation of the development from the first commencement of the use. This condition is imposed to ensure the development avoid unreasonable impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring dwellings, especially given the location of the development with considerations to the prevailing character and amenity currently enjoyed in this location. Without the imposing of this condition, the development would be refused due to the risk of harm and this condition is considered necessary, enforceable and reasonable in all other respects. This condition as detailed will apply to the development at all times unless varied or removed legally.

2) If the development operates outside of the hours stated this may result in unlawful development/use at risk of Enforcement Action. You are encouraged to discuss any concerns with this condition with the Local Planning Authority.

- 3 No materials produced as a result of the site development or clearance shall be burned on site.

Reason - To protect the amenity of nearby residential properties.

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

CONDITION: The Archaeological Evaluation, CAT project ref: 2023/08e, ECC Code: STOSC23 approved under 23/01638/DISCON on 18 December 2023 shall be carried out in its entirety as may be agreed.

REASON: To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development. This condition is required to be agreed prior to the commencement of any development to ensure matters of archaeological importance are preserved and secured early to ensure avoidance of damage or loss due to the development and/or its construction. If agreement was sought at any later stage as there is an unacceptable risk of loss and damage to archaeological and historic assets.

5 ACCESS MATERIAL

CONDITION: The access/s hereby approved shall have a bound material surface and shall be laid out for a minimum distance of 6 metres from the edge of the private lane prior to first use. The bound material as implemented shall then be retained thereafter.

REASON: In the interests of highway safety to prevent hazards caused by loose materials on the highway.

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION:

Carriageway is the part of a road intended for vehicles rather than pedestrians normally define by kerb if available or edge of a bound surface. It is an OFFENCE to carry out works within the public highway, which includes a Public Right of Way, without the permission of the ECC Highway Authority. Any conditions which involve work within the limits of the public highway do not give the applicant permission to carry them out. Unless otherwise agreed in writing all works within the public highway shall be carried out by Essex County Council or its agents at the applicant's expense.

6 HIGHWAY ACCESS

CONDITION: Prior to the first occupation of the development the vehicular access shall be constructed at right angles to the private lane. The width of the access at its junction with the highway shall not be less than 5.5 metres, shall be retained at that width for 6 metres within the site measured from the nearby edge of the private lane and shall be provided with an appropriate dropped kerb vehicular crossing of the footway/highway verge. The access shall then thereafter be retained.

REASON: to ensure that vehicles can enter and leave the highway in a controlled manner in the interest of highway safety

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION:

Carriageway is the part of a road intended for vehicles rather than pedestrians normally define by kerb if available or edge of a bound surface. It is an OFFENCE to carry out works within the public highway, which includes a Public Right of Way, without the permission of the ECC Highway Authority. Any conditions which involve work within the limits of the public

highway do not give the applicant permission to carry them out. Unless otherwise agreed in writing all works within the public highway shall be carried out by Essex County Council or its agents at the applicant's expense.

7 HIGHWAYS ON GOING REQUIREMENT - REMOVAL OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

CONDITION: Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) there shall be no gates/fence and/or other means of enclosure within six metres from the edge of the private lane at the point of access unless details are first agreed, in writing, by the local planning authority. Any gates to be erected on site that may be approved, shall only open into the site and not over any area of the public highway at any time.

REASON: In the interests of highway safety.

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION: Carriageway is the part of a road intended for vehicles rather than pedestrians normally define by kerb if available or edge of a bound surface. It is an OFFENCE to carry out works within the public highway, which includes a Public Right of Way, without the permission of the ECC Highway Authority. Any conditions which involve work within the limits of the public highway do not give the applicant permission to carry them out. Unless otherwise agreed in writing all works within the public highway shall be carried out by Essex County Council or its agents at the applicant's expense.

8 ONGOING REQUIREMENT: HIGHWAYS RETENTION OF GARAGE/PARKING SPACES

CONDITION: Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3, Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no development shall be carried out in such a position as to prevent vehicular access and use of land shown on the approved plans as garage and parking spaces for vehicle use only.

REASON: In the interests of highway safety and to ensure adequate vehicular access to and use of parking and turning provision within the site is provided and maintained.

9 ACTION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOLOGICAL APPRAISAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CONDITION: All mitigation and enhancement measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Matthew Game, October 2022) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination. This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To conserve and enhance protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

10 ACTION REQUIRED: CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY

CONDITION: The Construction Environmental Management Plan (Hybrid Ecology, November 2023) approved under 23/01638/DISCON on 18 December 2023 shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority

Reason: To conserve protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

11 ACTION REQUIRED: BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY

CONDITION: The Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy (Hybrid Ecology, November 2023) approved under 23/01638/DISCON on 18 December 2023 shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: To enhance protected and Priority species & habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

12 ACTION REQUIRED :LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Prior to the first occupation of the development, a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) shall be submitted to, and be approved in writing by, the local planning authority prior to occupation of the development. The content of the LEMP shall include the following:

- a) Description and evaluation of features to be managed.
- b) Ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management.
- c) Aims and objectives of management.
- d) Appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives.
- e) Prescriptions for management actions.
- f) Preparation of a work schedule (including an annual work plan capable of being rolled forward over a five-year period).
- g) Details of the body or organisation responsible for implementation of the plan.
- h) Ongoing monitoring and remedial measures.

The LEMP shall also include details of the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which the longterm implementation of the plan will be secured by the developer with the management body(ies) responsible for its delivery. The plan shall also set out (where the results from monitoring show that conservation aims and objectives of the LEMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers the fully functioning biodiversity objectives of the originally approved scheme. The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

13 ACTION REQUIRED: WILDLIFE SENSITIVE LIGHTING DESIGN SCHEME

CONDITION: Prior to the first occupation of the development, a lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting plans, Isolux and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit

will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

Reason: To allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 as amended and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

14 COMPLIANCE WITH DETAILS AND TIMESCALE REQUIRED - LANDSCAPING SCHEME

CONDITION: All changes in ground levels, soft/hard landscaping shown on the approved Landscape Plan received on 30 November 2023 approved under 23/01638/DISCON on 18 December 2023 shall be carried out in full during the first planting and seeding season (October - March inclusive) following the commencement of the development, or in such other phased arrangement as may be approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority up to the first use/first occupation of the development. Any trees, hedges, shrubs or turf identified within the approved landscaping details (both proposed planting and existing) which die, are removed, seriously damaged or seriously diseased, within a period of 10 years of being planted, or in the case of existing planting within a period of 5 years from the commencement of development, shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and same species unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure that the approved landscaping scheme has sufficient time to establish, in the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area.

15 AGREEMENT OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY OF DEVELOPMENT

CONDITION: The sustainability measures detailed on DRG.No 1370/107 approved under 23/01638/DISCON on 18 December 2023 shall be fully implemented prior to the first occupancy of the development unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be constructed and the measures provided and made available for use as may be agreed and thereafter shall be maintained.

REASON: To enhance the sustainability of the development through better use of water, energy and resources reduce harm to the environment and result in wider public benefit in accordance with the NPPF.

NOTE/S FOR CONDITION:

Slab level is normally refers to the concrete slab supported on foundations or directly on the subsoil and is used to construct the ground floor of the development. In any other case, please assume slab level to be the point before any walls and/or development can be visually above ground level or seek confirmation from the Local Planning Authority for your development.

The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it and also forgetting that small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world. Developments will provide buildings/homes to thousands/millions of people over their lifetime. A well designed sustainable development in the beginning will restrict the contribution each person makes to that threat and help enable them to transform the world.

REASON: To enhance the sustainability of the development through better use of water, energy and resources reduce harm to the environment and result in wider public benefit in accordance with the NPPF.

10. Informatives

Positive and Proactive Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Highways Informatives

Prior to commencement of the development, the areas within the curtilage of the site for the purpose of loading / unloading / reception and storage of building materials and manoeuvring of all vehicles, including construction traffic shall be provided clear of the highway. This is to ensure that appropriate loading / unloading facilities are available to ensure that the highway is not obstructed during the construction period in the interest of highway safety.

All work within or affecting the highway is to be laid out and constructed by prior arrangement with and to the requirements and specifications of the Highway Authority; all details shall be agreed before the commencement of works.

The applicants should be advised to contact the Development Management Team by email at development.management@essexhighways.org

On the completion of the Development, all roads, footways/paths, cycle ways, covers, gratings, fences, barriers, grass verges, trees, and any other street furniture within the Site and in the area, it covers, and any neighbouring areas affected by it, must be left in a fully functional repaired/renovated state to a standard accepted by the appropriate statutory authority.

As this section of St Cleres Hall Lane is classified as a Private Road, the applicant should therefore be requested to demonstrate the rights of pass and repass to the proposed development site exist in perpetuity and that the applicant also has the necessary permissions to make a vehicular connection to St Cleres Hall Lane.

The applicant must ensure that no mud or detritus is taken onto the highway, such measures include provision of wheel cleaning facilities and sweeping/cleaning of the highway. Under Section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 it is an offence to deposit mud, detritus etc. on the highway. In addition, under Section 161 any person, depositing anything on a highway which results in a user of the highway being injured or endangered is guilty of an offence.

The Highway Authority cannot accept any liability for costs associated with a developer's improvement. This includes design check safety audits, site supervision, commuted sums for maintenance and any potential claims under Part 1 and Part 2 of the Land Compensation Act 1973. To protect the Highway Authority against such compensation claims a cash deposit or bond may be required.

Legal Agreement Informative - Recreational Impact Mitigation

This application is the subject of a legal agreement and this decision should only be read in conjunction with this agreement. The agreement addresses the following issues: mitigation against any recreational impact from residential developments in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitat and Species Regulations 2017. Please note that any subsequent variation / removal of condition applications (s73 applications) will require a new legal agreement to secure this obligation unless the development has commenced (subject to all necessary condition discharges) and the contribution has already been paid.

11. Equality Impact Assessment

In making this recommendation/decision regard must be had to the public sector equality duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (as amended). This means that the Council must have due regard to the need in discharging its functions that in summary include A) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act; B. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic* (See Table) and those who do not; C. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic* and those who do not, including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

It is vital to note that the PSED and associated legislation are a significant consideration and material planning consideration in the decision-making process. This is applicable to all planning decisions including prior approvals, outline, full, adverts, listed buildings etc. It does not impose an obligation to achieve the outcomes outlined in Section 149. Section 149 represents just one of several factors to be weighed against other pertinent considerations.

In the present context, it has been carefully evaluated that the recommendation articulated in this report and the consequent decision are not expected to disproportionately affect any protected characteristic* adversely. The PSED has been duly considered and given the necessary regard, as expounded below.

Protected Characteristics *	Analysis	Impact
Age	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Disability	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Marriage or Civil Partnership	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Pregnancy and Maternity	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Race (Including colour, nationality and ethnic or national origin)	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Sex (gender)	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral
Religion or Belief	The proposal put forward will not likely have direct equality impacts on this target group.	Neutral

12. Notification of Decision

Are there any letters to be sent to applicant / agent with the decision? If so please specify:		NO
Are there any third parties to be informed of the decision? If so, please specify:		NO