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**AGENT:** Mr Andrew Jiggins –

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990** 

**APPLICATION NO:** 24/01428/FUL **DATE REGISTERED:** 4th October 2024

Proposed Development and Location of Land:

Planning Application - Proposed change of use - 2no ground floor rooms to form an additional new HMO studio unit, formaly used for part retail purposes (currently vacant). The Existing 3no ground floor HMO studio units all remain unchanged. This would total 4no HMO units within the ground floor of the building.

23 West Avenue Clacton On Sea Essex CO15 1QU

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

Adopted Local Policy LP11 a) c) d), e) & h) states that all proposals involving the creation of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) will require planning permission and will only be permitted within defined town centres where within a 100 metre radius the total number of existing and proposed HMO tenancy units would not exceed 10%, each individual tenancy unit or bedsit has direct physical access to communal facilities without the need to rely on access via another tenancy unit or bedsit, no more than six tenancy units or bedsits will be served by a single indoor communal facility such as a living room, dining room or kitchen, a minimum of 1 off-street car parking space per tenancy unit or bedsit is provided and each parking space must be capable of being used independently of one another and an area of communal open space is provided that has sufficient space and facilities for drying clothes.

Notwithstanding that the existing HMO units do not have the express benefit of planning permission and is therefore unauthorised, the proposal would result in a total of at least three HMO's with 30 units within a 100m radius which equates to 21.28% of all properties within this radius. In addition, the proposed HMO fails to demonstrate an area of shared communal facilities which can be accessed independently. Further there is insufficient parking provision, and a failure to demonstrate adequate communal open space for the provision of drying clothes. As such the site and location is not suitable to support the provision of an HMO contrary to the above requirements of Policy LP11.

**DATED:** 29th November 2024

SIGNED:

John Pateman-Gee

Head of Planning and Building Control

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:-**

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

### 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 (adopted January 2021)

SP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

SP2 Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS)

SP3 Spatial Strategy for North Essex

SP4 Meeting Housing Needs

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 and Recreation Facilities

LP1 Housing Supply

LP2 Housing Choice

LP3 Housing Density and Standards

LP4 Housing Layout

LP11 HMO And Bedsits

PP3 Village and Neighbourhood Centres

PP5 Town Centre Uses

PP14 Priority Areas for Regeneration

PPL1 Development and Flood Risk

PPL4 Biodiversity and Geodiversity

PPL5 Water Conservation, Drainage and Sewerage

CP1 Sustainable Transport and Accessibility

DI1 Infrastructure Delivery and Impact Mitigation

# Supplementary Planning Documents

Essex Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy SPD 2020 (RAMS) Essex Design Guide

Technical housing standards: nationally described space standard Published 27 March 2015 Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document June 2023 (DRAFT)

## Local Planning Guidance

Essex County Council Car Parking Standards - Design and Good Practice

#### 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 discussing those with the Applicant. However, the issues are so fundamental to the proposal that it has not been possible to negotiate a satisfactory way forward and due to the harm which has been clearly identified within the reason(s) for the refusal, approval has not been possible

## Plans and Supporting Documents

The Local Planning Authority has resolved to refuse the application for the reason(s) set out above. For clarity, the refusal is based upon the consideration of the plans and supporting documents accompanying the application as follows, (accounting for any updated or amended documents):

- o Site Plan Received 23.09.2024
- o Existing & Proposed Floor Plans Drawing No. 23.WA-24-01A Received 23.09.24
- o Block Plan Drawing No. 23.WA-24-02 Received 23.09.24

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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate">https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate</a>
  - 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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate">https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate</a>
  - 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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate">https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate</a>
- 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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate">https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate</a>. Please note, only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.
- Please ensure that you have read the latest procedural guidance for appeals prior to submitting an appeal. The latest guidance can be found at <u>Procedural Guide: Planning</u> <u>appeals - England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>
- 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. <u>Further details are on GOV.UK.</u>

### **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.