DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Introduction

This Design & Access Statement accompanies an outline planning application to develop this site for residential development.

With net migration increasing nationally, Lincolnshire as a whole has seen an overall increase in population, with the area of South Holland being directly increased due to employment opportunities. Housing has become an important issue as the government statistics clearly shows that there is a shortfall. Residential development is acceptable under the provisions of Policy HS4 of the South Holland Local Plan 2006 as the Council are currently unable to demonstrate a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites.

The National Planning Policy Framework clearly states the policies and how there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development and how the housing supply needs to be increased.

This planning application should be read in conjunction with the following drawings:-

Drawing No: 1648-01

1: 1250 Site Location Plan
1: 200 Existing and Proposed Block Plan

This DAS has been written to meet the requirements of Article 4C of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (as amended)
When preparing this application the following policies have been taken into account: -

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2012

- Section 6 – Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes
- Section 7 – Requiring Good Design
- Section 10 – Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change

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- SG14 – Design and Layout of New Development
- SG15 – New Development: Facilities for Road Users
- SG16 – Parking Standards in New Development
- SG17 – Protection of Residential Amenity
- HS4 – New Housing in Spalding the Area Centres

These policies form the basis upon which this application has been designed.

2. The Site

The site has an area 0.056ha and is adjacent to Fairholme Boston Road Gosberton. The site is accessed directly off Boston Road via an existing Access. It lies in close proximity to Gosberton schools and shopping centre, and as such, is within easy walking distance to the services and employment facilities locally. There is regular public transport to Spalding and Boston where the public transport services expand further afield thus adding to the availability of services and employment facilities. The site currently consists of a private garden.

3. Use

The application site currently consists of private garden land.

4. Amount

Drawing no. 1648-01 indicates the 1:1250 scale application site and where it is in relation to adjacent dwellings in that part of Gosberton. The 1:200 Existing Block Plan gives the layout of the site together with existing levels. The 1:200 Proposed Block Plan gives an indicative layout of a four-bedroomed dwelling which can be accommodated comfortably on the site.

5. Appearance

The proposed dwelling would be designed to be of high quality and of a type that is in character with the area in general. These details will be subject to a further submission. In terms of appearance it will be of paramount importance that the design and form protects the amenities of the surrounding residential dwellings to minimise overlooking and noise etc.

6. Access

The proposed drive will be constructed of Permeable Block paviors as indicated on the 1:200 Proposed Block Plan. Any garage will be set back a minimum of 13.0m from the edge of the carriageway to allow for turning space within the site to allow egress of vehicles in a forward gear.

7. Landscaping

The 1:200 Block Plan indicates the positions of the existing Boundary fences. Any additional landscaping will be illustrated at the reserved matters stage.

8. Conclusion

The principle of residential development is acceptable under the provisions of Policy HS4 of the South Holland Local Plan, 2006. The Council is currently unable to demonstrate a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites, as such this application site is an important contribution.

The proposed scheme will be a positive contribution to the character of the area, particularly in terms of the design, form and scale and will also be a positive contribution to the street scene. The proposal will be of a very high quality in terms of design and the use of materials.

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Governments policies. There is a presumption in favour of sustainable development and how it is important to increase the supply of housing.
In view of the above it is hoped that this application will be favourably considered.