DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

FOR

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

ADJ. CORNER HOUSE
CHURCHGATE
WHAPLODE
LINCS.
PE12 6TA

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1. Introduction

This Design & Access Statement accompanies an Outline planning application for residential development of a single dwelling
Adj. Corner House Churhgate Whaplode Lincs. PE12 6TA.

It should be read in conjunction with drawing No. 1901-03

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

SOUTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

- South East Lincolnshire – Proposed Inset Maps for 'Other Service Centres and Settlements'

SOUTH HOLLAND LOCAL PLAN JULY 2006

- SG1 – General Sustainable Development
- SG2 – Distribution of Development
- SG3 - Settlement Hierarchy
- 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

These policies form the basis upon which this application has been designed and are in accordance with advice within Paragraph 55 of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2012 and are aimed at ensuring that new development is in a sustainable location and that the character of the countryside is protected.
One of the requirements for the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan seeks the development of the 'Other Service Centres and Settlements' the inset map No 27 for Whaplode indicates that the application site is situated within the identified development boundary of a `Minor Service Centre`.

An assessment of settlements and their sustainability credentials March 2019 in the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan identifies Whaplode as being a sustainable location for future development.

2. The Site

The application site is situated at the rear of Corner House Churchgate Whaplode on a small spur road off Middle Road primarily comprising of frontage properties, with a new housing developments to the North & West. The Primary School is within walking distance to the East and St Marys Church is within walking distance to the South both are served by a footpath to the proposed frontage plot. The application site is situated approx. 6 miles from the centre of Spalding and is on a bus route with the bus stop being located directly outside the plot on the main road. Whaplode also benefits from various retail outlets all within walking distance of the site. Therefore the application site is located in a sustainable location.

3. Use

The application site is currently land belonging to the residential dwelling situated on the site namely Corner House Churchgate Whaplode.

4. Amount

Drawing no. 1901 – 03 indicates the 1:2500 application site and where it is in relation to the adjacent existing dwellings to that part of Whaplode.

The 1:250 block plans indicate the highway and footpath in the vicinity together with the existing and proposed boundaries around the site. And how the proposed indicative dwelling can be accommodated comfortably on the site.

5. Appearance

The proposed design of a single dwelling indicated on Drawing no. 1901-03, is considered to be of a design appropriate for the area in terms of reflecting the traditional vernacular. The proposal will not be out of character in this location and will, therefore, encourage and offer a positive contribution to the area where it is situated.

6. Access

Vehicular access will be in the form of gravel driveway adjacent to the existing access for Corner House The proposed access`s to the existing and proposed development are indicated on Drawing No.1901-03

7. Landscaping

Landscaping and boundary treatment will be submitted at the Reserved Matters stage should this application be successful and will include timber fencing and soft landscaping as is practical.

8. Conclusion

An assessment of settlements and their sustainability credentials March 2019 in the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan identifies Whaplode as being a sustainable location for future development. The plan also determines that this site, being for a single Dwelling, should be suitable for Market Housing only and that no affordable housing would be required.

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.
The application site is on a bus route and within close proximity to schools, shops and other facilities as previously described.

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. Para 55 of the NPPF refers to promoting sustainable development, which will enhance and maintain the vitality of rural communities within groups of smaller settlements. It also advises avoiding new isolated homes in the countryside unless there are special circumstances, which includes exceptional quality or innovative nature of design. It is intended that the design will help raise standards of design in architecture and will enhance its immediate setting.

Whilst the NPPF suggests the LPA policies are out of date in the Strategic and General policies the LPA states that “in towns, villages and in the open countryside the effective use of land and buildings is of great importance”.

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Governments policies and how they expect them to be applied. There is a presumption in favour of sustainable development and more importantly one of its main aims is to increase the supply of housing.

Para 49 of the Framework states “Relevant policies for the supply of housing should not be considered up-to-date if the Local Planning Authority cannot demonstrate a five years upper supply of deliverable housing sites” thus as the authority is unable to demonstrate this the policies for the supply of housing such as the Local Plan policies HS7 and SG4 seeking to restrict development in the countryside are to be considered out of date. The proposal would be a positive contribution to the existing housing shortfall.

Policy SG7 refers to the requirement of properties to be energy efficient.

The Government is also greatly concerned due to the shortfall in housing numbers, in particular South Holland and its district not meeting its housing needs.

In view of the above it is hoped that this application will be favourably considered.

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The site is situated in zone 3 on the Environment Agency Flood mapping. However, according to the 2017 South Holland Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, the land to the South of the A151 High Road where the site is located is deemed to be of no Residual Flood Hazard to the year 2115.
It is therefore proposed that any new dwelling will be two story and that the Finished Floor Level will be set at least 300mm above the surrounding ground levels.