

LAMPORT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a PLANNING MEETING held in The Old Laundry, Lamport
4th April 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs C. Harris (in the Chair), B. Cox, J. Farr,

Apologies: Cllrs D. Gasson, P. May

Application No: WND/2023/0046

Description: Construction of dwelling and outbuildings

Location: Land at Dale Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell NN6 9JE

This planning application was considered by Councillors having examined the plans online via the website. The Chairman gave details of recent discussions with Maidwell Parish Council who were also consulted on the planning application as the site is situated very close to Maidwell as well as Hanging Houghton. Maidwell Parish Council had commissioned Mr. Peter Redman to prepare a comprehensive report detailing the many reasons that planning permission should be refused which had been circulated prior to the meeting. In all respects Councillors concurred with the content of this report.

In addition to the report mentioned above, the following significant points were raised:

- The description of the proposed development states 'dwelling' with associated outbuildings. The plans clearly show more than one building that would be suitable for occupation.
- To enable the building to match local building materials, it would be necessary to re-open an adjacent quarry. This needed to be formalised and confirmed.
- It was noted that, despite a number of outbuildings on the site, there was no provision at all for garage parking for vehicles. According to the plans, vehicles would need to be parked along a wall, which gave the appearance of a public car park.
- The erection of a tall tower would be obtrusive and cause a nuisance to adjacent properties and would not blend in with the local open countryside.
- When complete this large development would not enhance the local area and would have a negative impact on the adjacent properties nor fit into the local landscape.

- The proposed development is not isolated but is visible from many miles around including small local communities and Councillors considered it would not be of exceptional quality and design.

Councillors concluded that until all points raised have been addressed by West Northants Council and a satisfactory response received then Lamport and Hanging Houghton Parish Council could not agree that planning permission should be granted.

The clerk would prepare a response to West Northants Council which would be forwarded by email, together with a copy of the Maidwell report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm

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