Dunbar House, Southam Road, Radford Semele, Leamington Spa, CV31 1TZ

# VIABILITY ASSESSMENT PREPARED BY ASB Property Consultants Ltd on behalf of Mr S S Sanghera

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#### 1 - INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This viability assessment has been prepared to assess the proposals to demolish 1 x dwelling and erect 10 x four/five bed dwellings over 2 ½ floors with garages at site known as "Dunbar House, Southam Road, Radford Semele, Learnington Spa, CV31 1TZ".
- 1.2 There have been no pre application discussions between ASB Property Consultants Ltd and Warwick District Council. The viability assessment has been prepared and based on existing planning polices and precedence set within Radford Semele village.
- 1.3 The proposals are aimed to align with Warwick District Council's strategic housing objectives insofar as the development represents infill development within the defined limits of a growth settlement.
- 1.4 Upon submission of a outline or full planning application the following reports / documents will be required along with the full set of plans:
  - Landscape and visual appraisal
  - Preliminary ecological appraisal
  - Archaeological desk-based assessment
  - Built Heritage assessment
  - Arboricultural Assessment
  - Transport Technical Note
- 1.5 The statement will aim to demonstrate that the proposals are compliant with the adopted development Plan. The site comprises a broadly triangular-shaped parcel of land totaling some 2 acres in the south eastern part of Radford Semele. The site lies to the immediate South of Southam Road which defines its southern boundary. The northern / western part the site is bounded by recently built residential dwellings. The site is outside of the Radford Semele village boundary and is not within the Green Belt, therefore the site is situated within the open countryside
- 1.6 Access to the site is presently via a gated access from Southam Road, opposite the church. The land is occupied with 1 dwelling and detached garages.
- 1.7 Due to the current use of the site, there is limited vegetation which, in the main is confined to the boundaries and comprises grassland margins, existing trees, hedgerow and ditches. The site has negligible to low ecological value as a result. Full details can be found within the submitted ecological assessment.
- 1.8 Although unallocated within the Adopted Local Plan, the site lies entirely within the defined boundary for Radford Semele, a growth village as set out within the Local Plan. Development within the boundaries of the District's growth villages is supported by the Plan in principle.
- 1.9 The site is within a sustainable walking distance to all village facilities and amenities which include a primary school, village store, Post Office, community hall, two churches, one public house, sports and social club with playing fields and employment opportunities. The village is served by public transport and regular bus services to Rugby and Learnington Spa and Coventry (via buses 63 and 64). Bus stops are located directly outside of the site on the Southam Road.

# 2 – THE PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The proposed modest development comprises the demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 10 detached dwellinghouses with garages and on site parking. The development will be accessed via one access point off the Southam Road and set within a service road.
- 2.2 A new pedestrian path will be laid out across the site to link Southam Road to the houses. As indicated on the coloured up proposed site plan, the area of open space directly adjoining the curtilage of the proposed dwellings could be laid out as a community orchard, if considered appropriate. An information board will also be provided within public open space to display local historical information.



Image 1 – Typical site layout

- 2.3 The size of dwellings will range from 140 sqm to 193 sqm and will provide 4 and 5 bedrooms. They will be traditional in design of brick and tile construction and include design features to complement characteristics of dwellings within the immediate vicinity including projecting front gables, canopies above the front door and brick detailing beneath and above the windows and garage door. Projecting gables and recessed set backs are rendered in white to provide a contrast to the main brick built front elevations.
- 2.4 The proposal has been designed to respond appropriately to the existing context and to this end it retains existing hedgerows and trees where possible as well as views over the site.

# 3 - BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Although there is no relevant planning history in terms of redevelopment of the site there has been development within the site in particular opposite to the site where Bovis homes have built over 100 dwellings recently. There is also a site nearby which had to be appealed by Gladman proposing the construction of up to 130 dwellings with open space and landscaping, vehicular access and footpath links, a car park and all associated works (outline application including details of access only) which was dismissed in March 2015. The Inspector considered the main issues to be landscape (although specifically NOT in relation to the western fields (as built form was proposed only for the largest, most eastern field) and impact on the setting of heritage assets.
- 3.2 Whilst the appeal decision is a material consideration officers will take into account when coming to a view on the proposals, there are obvious differences in the appeal scheme and that proposed by the applicant.

# **4 – GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The principle of housing on the site is acceptable as it would accord with the provisions of Policy H1c of the Local Plan which sets the boundaries of Growth villages—the site is entirely within the settlement boundary within the village which is an identified Growth village.
- 4.2 The main issues of the proposed development would be the impact on heritage assets and impact on the landscape.

# **5 - NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY**

- 5.1 Section 38 (6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 provides a legal framework for planning decisions. It requires that where making any determination under the planning act, regard is to be had to the Development Plan and the determination should be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
- 5.2 In addition to the act the framework sets out the governments planning policies for England and how these policies should be applied. It provides both the framework within which locally prepared plans for housing and other development can be produced and framework in which planning decisions should be made.
- 5.3 The heart of the framework is the need to achieve sustainable development. Paragraph 11 makes it clear that there are three dimensions to sustainable development; an economic role contributing to building a strong responsive and competitive economy; social role supporting strong vibrant and healthy communities; and environmental role contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment. The framework makes it clear that these objectives should be delivered to both the preparation and implementation plans and the application of the policies in this framework although they are not criteria against which every decision can or should be judged.

• Paragraph 11 sets out what is meant by the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The decision making means: approving development proposals that accord with an up-to-date plan without delay; or

• Whether or not relevant development plan policies, those policies which are most important determining application out of date, granting permission unless; or

• The application policies in this framework protect areas assets of particular importance provides a clear reason for refusing the development proposed; or

• Any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in this framework taken as a whole.

5.4 Planning Practice Guidance (Adopted March 2014)

The planning practice guidance (PPG) is a live working document. It offers further detail and expands upon the framework's policies whilst offering further guidance on key points such as design, determination of planning applications, translating 5 year housing supply and flood risk.

5.5 National Design Guide (Adopted October 2019)

The National Design Guide sets out the characteristics of well designed places demonstrating what good design means in practice.

5.6 Local Planning Policies

As set out previously the Development Plan for Warwick District comprises the Warwick District Local Plan (2011 - 2029) which was adopted in September 2017.

Policies relevant to the determination of this application are set out as follows:

Strategic policy DS2 – providing the homes the district needs. This policy sets out the Council's full and objectively assessed housing need as well as unmet housing need arising from outside the District. Amongst other things the policy seeks to ensure new housing delivers the quality and mix of new homes required, including affordable homes and a mix of homes that meet identified needs including those that are suitable for the elderly.

Strategic policy DS4 – spatial strategy. This policy makes it clear that the Councils spatial strategy focuses growth within and adjacent to built up areas whilst the majority of growth is focused in the main urban areas of Warwick, Learnington, Whitnash and Kenilworth, further growth is also planned for the growth villages in accordance with local plan policy H1.(Radford Semele is a growth village)

Policy DS5 – presumption in favour of sustainable development. Amongst other things, the policy is clear in reflecting the frameworks paragraph 11 approach insofar as planning applications that accord with the policies in this local plan (and where relevant with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay.

Policy DS6 – level of housing growth. The policy sets out that provision will be made for a minimum of 16,776 new homes across the district over the plan period (2011 - 2029). This equates to an average annual housing requirement of 1098 homes between 2017 to 2028. It is important to note that this level of housing growth includes an allowance for windfall sites coming forward between April 2015 and March 2029. This allowance is estimated to be 1010 homes.

Policy H1 - directing new housing. This policy makes it clear where housing development will be permitted. Including:

- within the urban areas, as identified within the plan and on the policies map;
- · within the allocated housing sites; and
- within the boundaries of the growth villages and limited infilling villages.

Policy H4— securing a mix of housing. This policy sets out the Council's expectations in relation to developments including how a mix of market housing contributes towards a balance of house types and sizes across the district.

# Viability Assessment

Policy BE1 – layout and design. This policy sets out what the Council expects of new developments in order that they achieve good standards of layout and design and in turn positively contribute to the character and quality of the environment. Amongst other things proposals are expected to demonstrate that they:

• harmonise with, or enhance the existing settlement in terms of physical form, patterns of movement and land-use;

relate well to local topography and landscape features;

• respect surrounding buildings in terms of scale, height, form and massing;

 adopt appropriate materials in detail; incorporate design and layout to reduce crime and fear of crime;

• provide for convenient, safe and integrated cycling and walking routes within the site and linking to related routes for public transport;

• provide adequate public and private open space of the development in terms of both quantity and quality; and

• ensure all components, e.g. buildings, landscaping, access routes, parking and open spaces are well related to each other and provide safe and attractive environments.

Policy BE3 amenity. This policy makes it clear that development will not be permitted where it has an unacceptable adverse impact on the amenities of nearby uses and residents and/or does not provide acceptable standards of amenity for future users' occupiers of the development.

Policy TR 1 access and choice. This policy sets out the Council's requirements in terms of providing safe, suitable and attractive access routes for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users, emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles, refuse vehicles and other users of motor vehicles as appropriate. Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate that they are not detrimental to highway safety, can provide suitable access and circulation of a range of transport modes, create safe and secure layouts for all users to take account of the needs of people with disabilities by all modes of transport.

Policy HE4 archaeology. Amongst other things, the policy sets out that the Council will require that any remains of archaeological value are properly evaluated prior to determination of a planning application.

Policy NE3 biodiversity. This policy is clear that new development will be permitted provided that it protects, enhances and/or restores habitat biodiversity. Development proposals will be expected to ensure that they lead to no net loss of biodiversity and where possible and appropriate by means of an approved ecological assessment of existing site features on development impacts. Development proposals should protect and enhance biodiversity assets and secure long-term management and maintenance. Moreover, development proposals should avoid a negative impact on existing biodiversity. The policy notes that where this is not possible, mitigation measures must be identified.

#### 6 - RADFORD SEMELE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 6.1 The Examination of the Radford Semele Neighbourhood Development Plan (RSNP) is now complete. The Examiner's report was received by the Council on 29th December 2020. It recommends a number of modifications to the Submitted Version of the NP. Subject to these modifications being made, the Examiner has recommended that the neighbourhood plan may proceed to referendum. At the time of writing this planning statement Warwick Council and the Qualifying Body were reviewing the Examiner's report..
- 6.2 Enabled as a result of the Localism Act 2011, the RSNP was developed to provide guidelines for land use and to enable effective influence on future development within the designated area. Once made (formally approved), the NP forms part of the Development Plan and due weight must be given to the policies contained within, according to their consistency with the Framework.
- 6.3 Paragraphs 28-30 of the Framework set out that neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area and that they can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development but it is made clear that neighbourhood plans must not promote less development than that set out in the strategic policies for the area.
- 6.4 Relevant policies are considered to be as follows:

Policy RS1—Securing a suitable mix of housing types, tenures and sizes in new developments. Development proposals for new housing should be informed by and demonstrate how they have met local housing needs based on up to date information, including local housing needs identified in the Parish Needs Housing Survey. Applicants must also show how they have considered and responded to guidance provided in the WDC Residential Design Guide, Secured By Design and Lifetime Homes Standard. New housing must seek to meet WDC's Climate Emergency commitments. Infill will only be supported where there is a need for housing.

Policy RS2—Local Green Spaces. The application site, together with the east field are designated as one of the Local Green Spaces. Development proposals affecting designated Local Green Spaces will be assessed against national Green belt policy.

Policy RS6—Conserving and Enhancing Radford Semele's Landscape Character requires any new development to protect, conserve and enhance the area's landscape character by :

a. Protecting the historic character and settlement pattern of the area, particularly the distinct settlement of Radford Semele, individual farmsteads and key heritage assets;

- b. Retaining the network of water features of rivers, streams, ponds and canal;
- c. Looking up to open any existing culverts;
- d. Protecting the mosaic of woodland, trees and hedgerows;
- e. Planting new hedgerows and improving redundant and gappy existing hedgerows;

f. By protecting the essential character and quality of certain views—RS6/2—view of Church and Church Fields rom corner of A425/Offchurch Lane is identified and relevant to these proposals;

g. Retaining and improving existing Public Rights of Way, and where feasible, creating new ones;

h. Screening urban forms of development and having appropriate transitions from urban to rural areas; and

i. In appropriate locations, introduce new planting of coverts and tree belts to restore the Feldon Parklands character.

Policy RS8—Footpaths seeks improvements to footpaths which will enable safe access to the surrounding landscape for walking.

Policy RS9—Cycling seeks measures to provide and improve safe cycle routes to Learnington and into the wider countryside.

Policy RS10 Traffic Management and Public Transport. Proposals to improve road safety, traffic management and public transport will be fully supported.

Policy RS11—Community stresses the importance of a healthy, inclusive community. Where viable, development proposals should include the following

a. Well-designed streets that are accessible to all and offer people places to meet.

- b. Footpaths, cycleways and bridleways that link to existing networks;
- c. Facilities for young people including premises for the Scout and Girl Guide Groups;

d. New adult/sport training facilities such as a running track and exercise machines could be installed on the village recreation ground;

e. Parish noticeboards and other signage.

- 6.5 The Examiner's Report dated 16th November 2020 recommended that the draft NDP proceed to referendum subject to recommended modifications. The majority of the modifications suggested are very minor. The main modification proposed is the removal of the easternmost field from the proposed area of separation. (which does not have a bearing on these proposals).
- 6.6 Of particular importance to the current proposals is the Examiner's view that all of the proposed areas for designation as Local Green Space should be supported.
- 6.7 There is no published date for the referendum and so until this has taken place, it is not clear when the Neighbourhood Plan will be made. Policies at this time therefore cannot be afforded full weight but should be afforded considerable weight.
- 6.8 Supplementary Planning Documents

The Residential Design Guide SPD was adopted in May 2018. It seeks to promote high quality and innovative design, sensitive to and in keeping with the area in which it is located. It supplements local plan policy BE1 layout and design. In addition to setting out general urban design principles it stipulate numerical standards to which development should seek to meet.

• a density of at least 30 dwellings per hectare (unless it is clear that a lower density is more appropriate to the site);

• Garden size of 50 sqm for 3 bedroom house and 60 sqm for a 4 bedroom+ house;

• Each dwelling will require external storage space for 1 x 240L grey bin, 1 x 240L green bin for garden/food waste and 3 boxes and 3 bags recycling containers.

6.9 The Parking Standards SPD was adopted in June 2018. It aims to ensure the delivery of sufficient cycle and vehicle parking to meet the demands of new development and offers design principles for optimum layout.

For dwellings containing 3 bedrooms, there is a requirement for 2 car parking spaces and 3 cycle spaces; for dwellings with 4+, three car parking spaces and 1 cycle space per bedroom is required. Dimensions for the required size of parking bay is stipulated depending on the site specifics.

Where possible, facilities for electric charging points should be provided at 1 point per house.

#### 7 – PLANNING ANALYSIS

7.1 The Principal Issues

Having set out a description of the proposed development and both national and local planning policy the remainder of this statement considers the principal planning issues against which the proposed development should be assessed as follows:

- The principle of development
- Character and appearance
- · Residential amenity
- · Highway safety and parking
- · Ecology/arboriculture
- · Landscape and visual impacts
- Heritage
- The planning balance
- 7.2 The principle of development

The starting point in the determination of every planning application is Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act which states that planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Paragraph 11 of the Framework sets out what is meant by the presumption in favour of sustainable development. In decision making this means approving development proposals that accord with an up-to-date plan without delay; or

• Where there are no relevant development plan policies, or the policies which are most important in determining an application are out of date, granting permission unless;

• The application of policies in the Framework that protect areas of assets of particular importance provides a clear reason for refusing the development proposed (land such as Green Belt/Local Green Space); or

• Any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the Framework as a whole.

7.3 As has already been set out, the Development Plan comprises the Warwick District Local Plan (2011-2029) and the Emerging Radford Semele Neighbourhood Plan.

- 7.4 The Local Plan was adopted in 2017. It defines Radford Semele as a Growth Village and sets out within its associated policies map that the application site falls wholly within the village boundary.
- 7.5 Local plan policy H1 could not be clearer in stating that housing development will be permitted within the boundaries of growth villages, and limited infill villages as identified within the plan and as shown on the policies map.

Accordingly, it is beyond question therefore, that the principle of developing the application site in the manner proposed is entirely aligned with the adopted local plan.

- 7.6 It is important to note however that the application site does not currently fall within a Local Green Space designation but will become restricted as a result of the Neighbourhood Plan being made. The plan cannot take effect unless there is a majority of support in a referendum population.
- 7.7 In cases where development is proposed and a draft neighbourhood plan has not reached the end of the local planning authority publicity period, paragraph 50 of the NPPF makes it clear that refusal of planning permission on grounds of prematurity will seldom be justified.
- 7.8 The site owner asserts therefore that the modest housing scheme to provide 10 detached dwellings and a large area of public open space at the site which would result in built form on only a fraction of the North Western Bovis sites which fully complies with the adopted development plan and should be approved.

#### **8 – CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE**

- 8.1 The proposals have evolved to take account of local character in particular in relation to landscape and visual impact and heritage (impact on the setting of designated heritage assets—grade II listed buildings; St Nicholas' Church and the Glebe House).
- 8.2 The proposed dwellings will be accessed from one access point on the Southam Road to allow the majority of the existing trees along the back edge of pavement to be retained. The linear layout will respect the building line set by adjacent properties and mirror the pattern of development set by houses, which are also set behind a service road, on the opposite side of Southam Road.
- 8.3 Plot sizes proposed are also similar in shape (width, depth and length) to those opposite.
- 8.4 Each house would consist of a traditional brick and tile roof construction and incorporate projecting front gables which would be finished in white render to contrast with the brickwork used within the main front façade. Brick headers and footers are also used to add detailing to the appearance of the dwellings.
- 8.5 The proposals therefore are in full compliance with adopted policy BE1 of the Local Plan as well as the Residential Design Guide SPD.

# 9 – RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

- 9.1 Each dwelling would provide high quality family housing and range in size from 192 sqm to 170.7 sqm.
- 9.2 All garden sizes exceed guidelines set within the Council's design guide and there is plenty of space within each plot to provide the requisite number of refuse bins.
- 9.3 The minimum distance separation between windowed elevations required by the Council are achieved to ensure residential amenity for occupiers of the proposed dwellings and the neighbouring properties would be safeguarded.
- 9.4 Occupiers of dwellings would enjoy open views of the neighbouring fields and new area of open space.
- 9.5 There would be no impact on loss of privacy or light at the adjoining property and the proposals comply with the 45 degree code.

# **10 – HIGHWAY SAFETY AND PARKING**

- 10.1 A Technical Note and Visibility Splay Analysis will have to be provided to support the proposals.
- 10.2 A swept path analysis will have to be undertaken on a refuse vehicle along the carriageway within the proposed development based on the size of vehicle used by WCC. It should demonstrate that the refuse vehicle can access the site via the proposed junction in a forward gear, and service all plots and manoeuvre within the site to leave the site in forward gear.
- 10.3 Based on the guidance contained within MfS and the 30 mph speed limit along Southam Road the required vehicular visibility splay is 2.4m by 43m in both directions. This can be provided.
- 10.4 Each dwelling will have 3 off street car parking spaces (a combination of garage and driveway parking) which complies with the Residential Guide, Adequate space for cycle parking would also be available.

#### 11 - ECOLOGY, ARBORICULTURE AND LANDSCAPING

11.1 There are currently no tree preservation orders on site.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal of the site will have to be undertaken.

There are three statutory designated sites within the study area (Leam Valley, Welches Meadow and Whitnash Brook Local Nature Reserve.

The site also falls within the impact Risk Zones of two SSSI; Long Itchington and Ufton Woods and Ufton Fields although it is noted that the site does not share similar habitats or has strong connectivity with either of these sites.

11.2 Any planning application would also require a landscaping plan.

Development will result in permanent change to the fabric of the site itself, however, there are no notable landscape features within the site itself. The existing field is of limited ecological value and proposed native planting to the green space will provide biodiversity enhancements.

The site is rural in character but due to the proximity of the main road and adjacent buildings, it is heavily influenced by the surrounding settlement and can be described

as having moderate landscape value. The remainder of the field, to the South can be described as having high landscape value.

Development will result in a permanent change to the character of the site; however, the character of the wider landscape is retained due to the small-scale nature of the proposed development, its position adjacent to existing development and the provision of a new area of public open space.

11.3 The proposals form a very small pocket of infill to the settlement within the Growth Village Envelope. Appropriate development of the site and provision of landscape enhancements in the form of a new public open space will successfully integrate the proposed development into its surroundings.

# **12 – ARCHAEOLOGY AND BUILT HERITAGE**

12.1 Both a archaeological and Built Heritage Assessment would need to be undertaken.

Due to the limited size of the site and the limited archaeological potential identified, there are no fundamental archaeological constraints to development. If any further archaeological works are deemed necessary; they can be required by condition.

- 12.2 There are several grade II listed buildings within the vicinity of the village. The impact on the setting of these heritage assets, particularly St Nicholas' Church and the Glebe House would have been important considerations during the evolution of the proposals.
- 12.3 The approach taken to the design of the proposal ensures that the elements of the site that have been assessed as providing the strongest contribution to these listed buildings are maintained to reduce the level of impact on their respective significance.

# **13 – PLANNING BALANCE**

- 13.1 Paragraph 7 of the NPPF sets out three dimensions to sustainable development—an economic role, a social role and an environmental role. The Framework goes on to state that these should not be considered in isolation and are interwoven with each other.
- 13.2 The development subject of this application accords with the three dimensions of sustainable development as follows:

• An economic role—the proposal will have economic benefits during the construction phase which would include employing local labour as well as sourcing materials from the local area, There would be an on-going contribution from the future occupiers of the dwellings towards the economy supporting the numerous businesses, facilities and services in the area.

• A social role— the proposed development will provide a limited number of additional dwellings within the village to provide extra choice within the housing market, freeing up the smaller housing stock within the village to be used by first time buyers and opportunities for residents within existing larger house types to downsize. The scale and design of the scheme will create a high quality built environment and ensure no adverse effect on neighbouring properties and occupiers. Local residents will be able to access the new area of public open space to sit and contemplate or for exercise. A notice board or similar could also be provided within the open space to make reference to the history of the site ( to enhance the understanding of the non-designated stocks) and there is also the opportunity for a community orchard to be included within the scheme.

• An environmental role—the proposed development will be built to a high standard that will complement the existing character of the area. The proposal will cause very

limited short term harm during the construction phase which will be compensated for by the provision of a high quality landscaping scheme. A new area of public open space will ensure that these important views are safeguarded and that the site/land is used effectively for local residents. Bat, bird and hedgehog boxes will be provided to increase biodiversity and ecological opportunities and existing trees and hedgerows retained and bolstered where necessary.

13.3 The proposal complies with the Development Plan as a whole and there are no material considerations which indicate otherwise. The proposal will provide considerable benefits as follows:

• A limited, small scale residential development comprising of 10 larger house types entirely within the settlement boundary of village which is identified as a Growth Village and sited to have no landscape or visual impact;

• The proposed dwellings would be well located in terms of proximity to existing urban area within easy reach of local shops, services and facilities including bus stops. • Proposals would include electric vehicle charging points for each unit;

• A new area of public open space would be created, thereby securing access to the land for locals which is currently not available. It could be used for a range of recreational purposes or merely as an outdoor space for seating and could provide a community orchard. A historical information board could be displayed which inform local residents about the history of the site.

- 13.4 Local Planning Authorities are required to consider the harm attributed to elements of a proposal against the perceived benefits. In this case the limited harm to the setting of designated heritage assets must be balanced against the identified benefits and the current status of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.
- 13.5 The proposals must be considered in the context of the adopted development plan and the NPPF, which sets out a clear presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 13.6 The proposed development is in accordance with the policies of the Development Plan when taken as a whole.

#### 14 - CONCLUSION

- 14.1 This viability assessment has been prepared for the erection of 10 detached dwellings and associated works together with the creation of a new area of public open space.
- 14.2 The viability assessment sets out that the proposals are in compliance with both national and local adopted planning policy.
- 14.3 There will be minor adverse impact on the setting of designated heritage assets but the public benefits associated with the proposals would outweigh any harm. There will be no adverse impact on residential amenity, ecology, trees, landscape character or highway safety.
- 14.4 In light of the above we feel the proposals for 10 detached dwellings would be granted for the proposed development.

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