

THE
HASLEMERE
SOCIETY



30 August 2016.

Planning Dept.,
Waverley Borough Council,
Godalming. BY EMAIL

Dear Sirs,

Planning Application 2016/1583

Coombe Lea, Critchmere Lane, Haslemere.

This development scheme, reduced in size from previous applications is far more acceptable and The Haslemere Society has no objection in principle to this. However the application does not provide adequate information.

The matters which have not been addressed and need to be confirmed are:-

1) No details of materials are given on the drawings and the descriptions given in the application form are inadequate, viz:



Traditional doors

Traditional plain clay roof tiles

Traditional facing brick with tile hanging

Traditional casement windows.

Tiles and bricks are relatively expensive items and if all materials are not agreed **before** planning approval developers will look for the cheapest possible material which may not be acceptable for aesthetic or durability reasons and to satisfy the Haslemere Design Statement. Traditional is not an adequate description. Are the proposed windows timber, upvc, aluminium or steel and what are the details of the gutters and eaves fascia and soffit? All these are highly visible. Without this information it is not possible to check compliance with Local Plan clause D4b and the Haslemere Design Statement.

2) There are no dimensions given of the overall size of the proposed development, sizes of rooms or the position of the proposed building relative to the road or side boundaries or its height. Without this information the space at each side, impact on neighbours, potential for a subsequent additional house application etc cannot be assessed.



3) The simplistic front elevation is drawn as if the pair of houses were on a level site which is not the case. The site slopes significantly and benching will be necessary but is not shown. The proposed building level relative to the ground level and the road with parking area slopes all need to be defined.

4) The Haslemere Design Statement's guideline –' Residents should be encouraged to incorporate some landscaping into parking provision in front gardens to maintain a green aspect'. Some inadequate provision is shown diagrammatically without specification and the application does not fulfill this guideline. This could require the building being set back further from the road.

5) The Appeal Inspector called for an up to date environmental assessment. The presence of bats was referred to. This has not been provided.

As all the above matters are not addressed satisfactorily The Haslemere Society must object to this current application.

Yours faithfully,

John Greer (Vice Chairman)

