



29th March 2019

By email to:
Planning Department,
Waverley Borough Council,
The Burys,
Godalming,
GU7 1HR.

Dear Sir,

Planning Application WA 2019/0337
Longdene House Areas B/C/D

The Haslemere Society (Society) has commented adversely on previous applications for this site on the basis that it, like all other civic societies, has a responsibility to preserve and enhance the character of the town and its heritage. This is particularly relevant to Haslemere given the numerous locations within it and the surrounding area which are designated AONB and AGLV.

This hybrid application appears to have recognised our previous concerns – particularly those made in respect of applications WA 2017/0727 and WA 2017/2296 which proposed, respectively, over development of the site and demolition of Longdene House.

These design principles in these applications were diametrically opposed to the provisions and protections contained within the policies and guidelines underpinning AONB and AGLV and would have had a materially negative impact on the character of the town.

Therefore, we support the principles in this current application WA 2019/0337 proposing the refurbishment of Longdene House to become a family home and the erection of three new family dwellings on the site. This proposal addresses our previous concerns regarding over development of the entire site creating unwelcome traffic congestion in the immediate area and pressure on the local infrastructure.

However, we note the 'hybrid' nature of the planning application and whilst the design for the refurbishment of Longdene House (Area C) now appears to be firm, for Areas B and D the Design and Access Statement makes clear that these are *'illustrative only with layout, scale and appearance being reserved for determination later'*.

Therefore, the Society reserves the right to comment further in the event that there is a material change to the layout, design or appearance to any of the proposed constructions

and we urge Waverley Planning Department to be vigilant in this matter to ensure there is no subsequent conflict with the declared design principles which are now sympathetic to the site and the local area.

Yours Faithfully,

Haslemere Society Planning Group