FMPC – Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group

Date	23/12/22
Application Details	P/FUL/2022/07195 - Margarets Yard, South Street, Fontmell Magna Erect single dwelling (demolish existing storage building)
Planning Working Group Members	BR, JK, RK, MH
Recommendation to Parish Council	OBJECT to this application

Policies	Application details	Policy	Further Action
		Compliance	
Policy FM1.			
Local Green Spaces p11			
Policy FM2.			
Local Wildlife Corridors and			
Protected Species p13			
Policy FM3.			
Important Views p14			
Policy FM4.			
The setting of the AONB p15			
Policy FM5.			
Local Landscape Features p18			
Policy FM6.			
Dark Skies p19			
Policy FM7.	The proposed large 2-storey house	Conflicts	PC to discuss
The Conservation Area and Locally	would have a much higher roof line	See notes below	with applicant
Important Features p22	than most neighbouring properties.		
Policy FM8.	The design and layout conform; the	Conforms	PC to discuss
Development layout p25	access track needs some attention.	See notes below	with applicant
Policy FM9.	Brick and cladding finishes conform,	Conforms	PC to discuss
Building design p28	but the property's scale is a concern.	See notes below	with applicant
Policy FM10.			
Creating safer roads and			
pedestrian routes p31			
Policy FM11.			
Sustainable drainage p35			
Policy FM12.			
Development impacting on the			
sewage treatment works p36			
Policy FM13.			
Important community facilities p38			
Policy FM14.			
Social Infrastructure p41			
Policy FM15.			
Facilitating home working p43			
Policy FM16.	A 5-bed house is proposed, contrary	Conflicts	PC to discuss
Housing Types p48	to the demand for smaller dwellings.	See notes below	with applicant
Policy FM17.			
Spatial strategy for new			
development p50			
Policy FM18.			
Settlement boundary p52			
Is the Applicant known to members		Yes	
of the Group?			

Compliance Notes:

General

The application is well presented and changing the use of the site to residential is to be welcomed.

Policy FM7 – The Conservation Area

The proposal to build a two-storey house, with a high roofline to accommodate a fifth bedroom, is not in keeping with the general character of houses within the Conservation Area where 1.5 storey dwellings predominate. The impact of the high roof line is mitigated to some degree by the adjoining 3-storey dwelling Home Farm and the new property would be well-camouflaged by hedges and trees when viewed from South Street. However, Home Farm has always considered to be out of scale with its surroundings and stands above its neighbours when approaching the village and the height of the proposed property would perpetuate the error of allowing a three-storey building within a village setting.

Policy FM8 – Development Layout

The position of the dwelling within the site is fine, with adequate parking and turning space. The access track to the site is in very poor condition, serving vehicles and pedestrians as a footpath; hopefully this can be improved.

Policy FM9 – Building Design

The building design conforms using a combination of brick and cladding finishes, but the design seems "busy" with various window sizes used. The locations of timber cladding do not seem to follow a logical pattern. The use of PV panels recessed into the roof tiles is welcome.

Policy FM16 – Housing Types

The proposed dwelling conflicts with this policy that new open market housing should predominantly be of 1, 2 and some 3-bedroom properties. The proposed 5-bed dwelling does not contribute to the need for smaller units within the Conservation Area.

MH - 30/12/22