

Planning

We have been consulted on three applications since the last report.

7 Victoria Mount – APP/19/00008

Double-storey rear extension, habitable light well and landscaping with double drive and dropped kerb.

Comment: This property makes a positive contribution to the character of the Conservation Area. However, the Society has no objection to the proposed development provided that consent is subject to a condition to ensure that it complies in full with the use of matching materials described in the application, and that the original gate pillars are retained. No objection to the removal of the tree on the frontage which is of no particular merit.

46 Village Road – APP/19/000051

Minor structural alterations including alteration to external window and door openings.

Comment: This is a modern property screened behind a high sandstone wall and similar alterations have previously been approved for other houses on the close.

2 Village Road (former bank site) – APP/19/00225

Change of approved use from offices to 8 residential apartments at first and second floor level.

Comment: The Society supports this proposal which is a realistic response to market conditions. The only issue that arises is in relation to car parking provision. To meet the Council's car parking standards in full one additional space would be required, and this has been drawn to the attention of the applicant. However, the Society does not consider that this would warrant an objection.