

## Planning Report May 2021

The Society has been consulted on four planning applications since the last report. It was agreed that three of these required no comment from the Society:

**APP/21/00504 - Queens pub:** 2 externally illuminated and 3 non-illuminated fascia signs. 2 wall mounted non-illuminated signs and 1 post mounted sign to car park. 2 decorative pub lanterns fitted with led lamps. 6 30w led flood lights to illuminate signage & building.

**Comment:** The style and appearance of the new signage is prominent without being overbearing and the lighting is not considered excessive having regard to the nature of the business and its location. The car park signage is considered an improvement on the existing.

**APP/21/00668 - 11 Poplar Road:** Creation of new entrance to the property adjacent to the existing drive and pedestrian access.

**Comment:** The property is identified in the Character Appraisal as making a positive contribution to the character of the Conservation Area. The design of the new entrance and choice of materials is sympathetic to the character of the building and is in any case hidden behind the high boundary wall.

**APP/21/00505 - The Willows:** Variation of Condition 2 of approved planning application APP/13/00755 to reflect the car park as built and proposed increase in height of boundary wall.

**Comment:** This application is to address the fact that the level of the new car park is higher than shown on the approved plans. To mitigate the impact on neighbouring properties the proposed solution is to increase the height of the side boundary wall. The pre-application advice from the planning officer states that this should be constructed of brick rather than a fence.

It was agreed that a short comment should be submitted in support of the following application:

**APP/21/00453 - 5 Parrs Road:** Erection of a two-storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension.

**Comment:** This semi-detached cottage is identified in the Character Appraisal as making a positive contribution to the character of the Conservation Area, as are the neighbouring properties. The existing flat roof side extension has a negative impact on its character and the proposed pitch-roof replacement is considered an improvement. In particular it is proposed to remove the existing pebble dash render from the property frontage to reveal the original sandstone and to construct the extension in matching sandstone. This is the approach that has been adopted in the neighbouring cottages at 1-3 Parrs Road, which has had a positive effect.