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The Planning Manager, S.O.D.C.
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Dear Sir/Madam

HENLEY SOCIETY COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Society's comments on planning applications considered recently are as follows.

- 1. P12/S1033/HH (amended) – 19 Gainsborough Road. Demolition of outbuildings and erection of single storey side and rear extension and attached double garage.** Although the amendment shows a small reduction in scale, in our view, the proposal still represents an overintensive development for this location.
- 2. P11/ E2261 and P12/S0871/LB – 11 Friday Street. Erection of single storey glass room to rear.** We recommend that the roof of the new room should be no higher than the existing adjoining roof and that, as the building is listed, the room should have a painted timber framework.
- 3. P12/S0952/RET and S0953/RCA – 57 Harpsden Road. Timber gate and fencing to front of property.** The proposed timber fencing is out of character in the conservation area – a higher brick wall or iron railings would be more appropriate.
- 4. P12/S1133/HH – 6 Haywards Close. Conversion of double garage into habitable room.** We deplore the trend towards permitting the permanent loss of garage accommodation and the conversion of front 'gardens' to hardstanding.
- 5. P12/S1208/FUL – Orchard Farm, Fairmile. Change of use of building to 3- bed bungalow.** This attempt to insert a new dwelling within the AONB should be rejected. Other reasons for refusal are that it would have an adverse effect on the Fairmile and would create an undesirable precedent in this area
- 6. P12/S1229/HH – 16 Church Avenue. Erection of summer house.** No objection in principle but we would prefer a design more appropriate for a conservation area.

- 7. P12/S1274/FUL - 228 Greys Road. Replacement detached dwelling and garage.**
Although this application is for a slightly smaller building than that proposed in P11/S0225 (which was refused) it is still too bulky, overbearing and out-of-character for this location.
- 8. P12/S1451/HH - Former Old White Horse, Northfield End. Breaking out of existing forecourt parking; erection of detached double garage etc.** No objection in principle but we recommend that the opportunity should be taken for an archaeological examination of the site, which may contain evidence of an earlier building and possibly the route of a Roman road leading to a Thames crossing.

We have no objection to, or comments on, the following applications:

P11/E2423 (amended) – 5 Harpsden Road. Dormer window etc.

P12/S0832/FUL and S0833/LB– Dragon Court, 15 Station Road. Installation of canopy.

P12/S1000/FUL and S1001/CA – Wharfe House , Wharfe Lane. Replacement garage.

P12/S1269/LB – 66 Market Place. Conversion of basement to utility room.

P12/S1346/FUL – Rosemary, Badgemore Lane. Variation to allow automated sliding gate.

P12/S1364/HH and S1365/CA – Friar Park, Badgemore. Replacement boundary fence with razor wire topping to the section shown on plans.

P12/S1459/FUL and S1313/LB – 27 Duke Street. Replacement windows.

P12/S1474/HH – 10 St Annes Close. Front extensions and new bay window.

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)