

Summary of Submission by Mr MacFarlane

Mr MacFarlane introduced himself and thanked the sub-committee for the opportunity to speak.

Mr MacFarlane indicated that the officer report covered the main issues associated with his application.

Mr MacFarlane advised that having moved to the area he was not aware of previous discussions relating to the site. The sub-committee was advised that the developer, Berkeley Homes, had not made the status of that part of the building clear and the application had been submitted to clarify the situation.

Mr MacFarlane gave an assurance that the building would continue to be well maintained and asked members to support the officer recommendation.

Summary of Submission by Mrs Wigley

Mrs Wigley advised that she lived in Honeybourne House which was near the application site and also owned another property that bordered the proposed access. Mrs Wigley indicated that she had sought legal advice regarding ownership of the access road and the information received was that the applicant did not have a legal right of access beyond the area of the demolished single garage.

Mrs Wigley expressed concern at the potential for increased traffic on the lane and the potential for overlooking of habitable rooms thus causing a demonstrable harm to amenity for nearby residents.

Mrs Wigley reiterated the legal issues and the applicant needed to demonstrate that any permission could be implemented and this together with the detrimental impact on neighbours meant that the application should be refused.