

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOWLANDS AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: 30th January 2023

Report of Additional Representations



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| Application Number | 22/02498/OUT |
| Site Address | Land (E) 438738 (N) 212506 Witney Road North Leigh Oxfordshire |
| Date | 18th January 2023 |
| Officer | Joan Desmond |
| Officer Recommendations | Provisional Approval |
| Parish | North Leigh Parish Council |
| Grid Reference | 438738 E 212507 N |
| Committee Date | 30th January 2023 |

Officer comments – Corrections to report:

WODC (Sports) – No comments received
End sentence of paragraph 5.67 to be deleted.

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| Application Number | 22/02137/HHD |
| Site Address | The Granary Jericho Farm Worton Witney Oxfordshire |
| Date | 27th January 2023 |
| Officer | Darcey Whitlock |
| Officer Recommendations | Approve subject to conditions |
| Parish | Cassington Parish Council |
| Grid Reference | 445883 E 211579 N |
| Committee Date | 30th January 2023 |

Additional Consultee Comment

A comment from the Council's Drainage Engineer was received. This is shown in full below and available to view in the online case file <https://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/>

'Having spent quite a while reading through the various objections to this and the latest information submitted on behalf of the applicant, I have the following comments to make -

- There is still concern about structural damage to adjoining properties as a result of the basement construction, including the effect of the removal of fine grained soils which could create voids – it has been suggested that a detailed statement should be submitted, with a methodology for the removal of groundwater/surface water, but as I have stated previously, I am not qualified to comment on structural aspects and it is not within the remit of the flooding team to do so.
- JB Structures do state that, during construction, 60% of the groundwater will be removed within the excavated material and the remainder will be pumped into tankers for removal from site. This would be acceptable as long as there is sufficient room on site for this operation, but it was suggested in one of the objections that available working space is limited. Confirmation is required there is adequate room for this to be practical.
- Stephen Buss states that groundwater will dissipate through the sand and gravel aquifer around the basement and will require no form of control, mechanical or otherwise. Should it rise above the top of the basement, it will be drained by the granular blanket which will be placed across the top of it.
- A comment has been made that, currently roof water discharges from the west facing roofs of The Granary and the Old Barn into a soakaway on Jericho Farm House land, and then dissipates under both properties. The question has been raised where it will drain to if the basement is constructed. I am surprised that a soakaway would be effective as soakage tests revealed that infiltration was too slow for a rate to be obtained, but presumably it would dissipate around or over the basement as above. However, this will need to be addressed as part of the s/w drainage strategy that has still not formally been submitted as per the condition. Although JB structures have stated how the groundwater will be disposed of during excavation and Stephen Buss has suggested there will be no increased flood risk as a result of the basement construction, all relevant information will need to be compiled together into a strategy and submitted for approval'.

Additional Public Comments

5 additional objection comments from 3 addresses have been submitted. These are available to view in the online case file <https://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/> and are summarised below:

- Surface water drainage plan not submitted;
- Existing car park is impermeable;
- Light pollution;
- Lack of measurement on the plans;
- Impact to wildlife;
- Blinds are impractical;
- The documentation requested by Members has not been produced;
- Drainage details should be provided up front;
- Impact of climate change;
- Excessive vehicle movements;
- Highways safety;
- Disruption during construction;
- Cassington Parish Council have opposed this application;
- WODC have no "Basements Planning Policy" in place;
- Damage to nearby dwellings during construction;
- Doubts accuracy of submitted information; and
- Flood risk

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| Date | 18th January 2023 |
| Officer | Esther Hill |
| Officer Recommendations | Refuse |
| Parish | Witney Parish Council |
| Grid Reference | 435538 E 209524 N |
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Updated Plan Received:

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