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Name and date of Committee	LOWLANDS AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE Date: 14th August 2023
Subject	TO UNDERTAKE A SITE VISIT FOR APPLICATION REFERENCE 23/00794/OUT - LAND SOUTH OF 1 NEW YATT ROAD NORTH LEIGH
Wards affected	North Leigh
Accountable officer	David Ditchett (Principal Planning Officer) Tel: 01993 861649 Email: David.Ditchett@westoxon.gov.uk
Summary/Purpose	For Members to decide whether to conduct a site visit on 11/09/2023 to reduce the need to defer the application when the application is next considered by Members.
Annexes	N/A
Recommendation/s	That Members conduct the site visit on 11/09/2023.
Corporate priorities	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Exempt	No

BACKGROUND

- 1.4. This relates to application reference 23/00794/OUT at Land South Of I New Yatt Road North Leigh. The description of development reads:

‘Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for means of access) for the erection of up to 43 residential dwellings, including affordable housing, public open space, landscape planting, sustainable drainage system and new access arrangements from New Yatt Road (amended plans)’.

- 1.5. The application was due to be decided by Members of the Lowlands Area Planning Sub-Committee on 14/08/2023. However, officers received a number of emails from the Local Member and North Leigh Parish Council requesting that the application be moved to September, as several interested parties could not attend the August committee.
- 1.6. To ensure the community of North Leigh is adequately represented when the application is decided by Members, officers consider that the application should be heard in September rather than August. However, to prevent further delays, officers recommend that Members visit the site on 11/09/2023.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. Officers consider that a site visit to view the proposed development site would be of benefit to Members prior to the formal consideration and determination of the application. By viewing the site prior to determination will allow Members to view the proposal in context and would assist Members in their decision making.
- 2.2. The Local Member and representatives from North Leigh Parish Council could also attend the September committee date.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1. Members could decide to delegate determination of the application to officers but given the Parish Council objection and the extent of public interest, this is not recommended

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1. The documents submitted in relation to planning application 23/00794/OUT, which is available to view on the Council’s website.