



Notice of Planning Decision

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

In pursuance of the powers exercised by it as District Planning Authority this Council, DOES HEREBY GIVE NOTICE of its decision to REFUSE PERMISSION for the development detailed below.

APPLICATION NO: 210965

APPLICATION DATE: 8 April 2021

PROPOSAL: Construction of residential development, access, landscaping, public open space, and associated infrastructure works

LOCATION: Land at, Broadfields, Wivenhoe, Colchester

APPLICANT: Taylor Wimpey Uk Ltd, C/O Agent

Reason(s) for refusal

- Colchester Borough Council's current statutory development plan consists of the Core Strategy (adopted in 2008 and subject to a Focused Review in 2014), Site Allocations DPD (adopted 2010), Development Policies DPD (adopted 2008 and reviewed 2014), Section 1 of the new Local Plan (adopted 2021) and the Wivenhoe Neighbourhood Plan (2019). The proposal is for new residential development which does not accord with the development plan's overall spatial strategy and is not allocated through the Site Allocations DPD and is contrary to Colchester Borough Core Strategy Policies SD1 (spatial strategy) and H1 (housing delivery), and Section 1 new Local Plan Policies SP1 (presumption in favour of sustainable development) and SP3 (spatial strategy). The application also proposes development outside the settlement boundary for Wivenhoe as defined in the Core Strategy contrary to Core Strategy Policy ENV1 (unallocated greenfield sites outside settlement boundaries).

The adopted Section 1 Local Plan (2021) and emerging Section 2 Local Plan 2017- 2033 are both relevant to the determination of this application. The emerging Section 2 Local Plan is at a very advanced stage, having been found sound following Examination, and therefore considerable weight attaches to Policies SG2 (housing delivery) and SS16 (Wivenhoe).

IMPORTANT – ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE NOTES ATTACHED

The made Wivenhoe Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) carries full weight. Policy WIV29 of the made WNP allocates the application site for development subject to a number of criteria and in line with a plan 'Broadfields Residential Allocation' at Fig 35 that accords with the development boundary that is reflected in Section 2 Policy SS16. The scheme proposes a significant proportion of the residential development north of the settlement boundary and therefore north of the high voltage power lines that dissect the site. Neither the adopted nor emerging Local Plan policies lend support to the proposed development due to the encroachment into land allocated in WIV29 for open space/sports fields. The proposal is outside the settlement boundary as shown on the made WNP. Approval of a planning application contrary to this policy framework would be contrary to the development plan and lacking justification being intrinsically harmful and undermining the recently made WNP. Furthermore, by bringing the residential element of the scheme further north than the allocation allows, the scheme will cause demonstrable landscape harm particularly when the site is viewed from Elmstead Road.

2. The application fails to include a legally binding mechanism to secure a range of planning obligations required in association with the proposed development, comprising
- (a) 20% affordable housing, and financial contributions towards:
 - (b) Open Space,
 - (c) Parks and Recreation;
 - (d) Community Facilities,
 - (e) Education,
 - (f) Habitat Regulations mitigation
 - (g) Archaeology.

The proposed development is therefore contrary to: the sustainable development principles in the NPPF 2021, in the Adopted Local Plan Section 1 Policy SP2 and SP6, Adopted Core Strategy Policy H4 (Affordable Housing); and adopted Development Policies DP3 (Planning Obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy). It is also contrary in this context to the following adopted guidance: Supplementary Planning Document Affordable Housing (adopted 15th August 2011); Provision of Community Facilities (adopted 28th September 2009 updated July 2013) Supplementary Planning Document Provision of Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities (adopted 24 July 2006) and The Essex Coast RAMS SPD (adopted May 2020). It is contrary, finally, to Supplementary Guidance issued by Essex County Council (Developers' Guide to Infrastructure Contributions (revised 2016).

PLEASE NOTE: a site notice was erected in a publicly visible location at the site. Colchester Borough Council would appreciate your co-operation in taking the site notice down and disposing of it.

Date: 14 June 2022

Signed:



Karen Syrett
Place and Client Manager

Positivity Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner,

clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, allowing the applicant the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied by a revision to the proposal. The Local Planning Authority may be willing to provide pre-application advice in respect of any future application for a revised development provided, however this is a discretionary service and we do charge for such advice. Any request for further assistance must be submitted in accordance with our pre-application enquiry procedures that are set out on our website www.colchester.gov.uk/planning along with our current fees and other helpful information.

NOTES ON YOUR DECISION NOTICE – PLEASE READ THE BELOW IN FULL

Building in Accordance with the Plans

Planning permissions are given on the basis of the details submitted. If you plan to make any changes whatsoever to deviate from the approved plans then you are strongly advised to liaise with Colchester Borough Council Planning Services prior to undertaking any works. You may require a new planning application or a variation to your existing permission. Failure to construct in accordance with the plans could lead to potential Enforcement Action.

Requirement to Comply With Your Conditions

Please read all of your conditions carefully. All of your conditions must be complied with. Failure to comply in full with a planning condition placed upon your permission may result in potential Enforcement Action. Planning conditions require certain things to be done at certain times, often prior to the commencement of any works. If you are in any doubt as to the requirements of your conditions please liaise with Colchester Borough Council Planning Services.

Building Regulations

Did you know that this permission may require Building Regulations approval? For further information please contact the building control team on 01206 282436, or by emailing building.control@colchester.gov.uk or by visiting our website www.colchester.gov.uk/buildingcontrol

Archaeological Advice

Did you know that Colchester enjoys a significant rich and diverse archaeological heritage? To read how we aim to protect our wonderful heritage please visit our website <http://www.colchester.gov.uk/article/13595/Archaeology-and-the-planning-process>

Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within the timescales listed below:

- For Householder Appeals – within 12 weeks of the date of the decision notice
- For Minor Commercial Appeals – within 12 weeks of the date of the decision notice
- For Advertisement Appeals – within 8 weeks of the date of the decision notice
- For all other appeal types – within 6 months of the date of the decision

Notwithstanding the above, if the planning application relates to the same (or substantially the same) land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice the appeal must be made within 28 days of the date of this notice and not the period set out above.

If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same (or substantially the same) land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within the relevant period set out above, from the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.

If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by public inquiry, then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

Rights of Way

The applicant is reminded that the grant of planning permission does not entitle them to obstruct a Right of Way. If it is necessary to stop up or divert a footpath or bridleway in order to enable the development to be carried out, they should, on the receipt of planning permission, apply without delay to the Local Planning Authority for an order under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. In the case of any other right of way, application should be made to the Secretary of State for an order under section 247 of the Act. In either case development shall not be started until a decision has been taken on the application.

Purchase Notice

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land, or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that they can neither put the land to a reasonable beneficial use in its existing state, nor can they render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been, or would be, permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Planning Act 1990, or section 32 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, as appropriate.

You are advised to seek professional advice before embarking on the serving of a purchase notice.

Compensation

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused, or granted subject to conditions, by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.