
Application Number	09/0606/OUT	Agenda Item	8.1
Date Received	7th July 2009	Officer	Mr James D'Arcy
Target Date	1st September 2009		
Ward	Cherry Hinton		
Site	2 Drayton Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 9EX		
Proposal Applicant	Outline application for erection of two flats. Mr Gareth Crowther 2 Drayton Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 9EX		

1.0 SITE DESCRIPTION/AREA CONTEXT

- 1.1 The application site is rectangular parcel of land adjacent to and immediately to the north of number 2 Drayton Road, inside the south east corner of the junction with Leete Road. It currently forms the garden area serving 2 Drayton Road. The area immediately surrounding the application site is wholly residential, and consists of primarily two storey terraced houses of a consistent style and design.
- 1.2 2 Drayton Road is the north end of a terrace, where all other houses front Leete Road. At the southern end of the terrace, at the corner of Malletts Road, the terrace has been extended creating 1a & 1b Malletts Road in a manner not dissimilar to that proposed on the application site.
- 1.3 There are a number of developments in the local area that have utilised the large corner plots which occurred regularly within this area, and many of these have involved the creation of an additional dwelling or pair of flats as an extension to the original terrace of houses.
- 1.4 The site is not within the controlled parking zone or a Conservation Area. No protected trees will be impacted by the development proposed, nor will the application impact any listed buildings.

2.0 THE PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The application seeks Outline Planning Permission for the creation of 2 two-bedroom flats to the northern end of the terrace. The application also seeks approval for Access; Layout; and Scale. Appearance and Landscaping are reserved
- 2.2 No details of design are included within the application, although there is an indicative massing drawing. The layout plans that form part of the application show that the footprint will largely echo the layout of the extension to the terrace found at the southern end on the corner of Malletts Road.
- 2.3 The application includes indicative landscaping, and the provision of cycle and bin storage to the Drayton Road frontage. It is proposed that 4 off-street vehicular parking spaces will be provided of Drayton Road including a pair of tandem parking spaces.
- 2.4 The application is accompanied by a Design and Access Statement and indicative massing and landscaping plans.

3.0 SITE HISTORY

- 3.1 There is no site history relevant to this application.

4.0 PUBLICITY

- 4.1 Advertisement: **No**
Adjoining Owners: **Yes**
Site Notice Displayed: **No**
Public Meeting/Exhibition (meeting of): **No**
DC Forum (meeting of): **No**

5.0 POLICY

5.1 Central Government Advice

- 5.2 **PPS1 Delivering Sustainable Development (2005):** Paragraphs 7 and 8 state that national policies and regional and local development plans (regional spatial strategies and local development frameworks) provide the framework for planning for sustainable development and for development to be managed effectively. This plan-led system, and the certainty

and predictability it aims to provide, is central to planning and plays the key role in integrating sustainable development objectives. Where the development plan contains relevant policies, applications for planning permission should be determined in line with the plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

- 5.3 **Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS 3) Housing** : Sets out to deliver housing which is: of high quality and is well designed; that provides a mix of housing, both market and affordable, particularly in terms of tenure and price; supports a wide variety of households in all areas; sufficient in quantity taking into account need and demand and which improves choice; sustainable in terms of location and which offers a good range of community facilities with good access to jobs, services and infrastructure; efficient and effective in the use of land, including the re-use of previously developed land, where appropriate. The statement promotes housing policies that are based on Strategic Housing Market Assessments that should inform the affordable housing % target, including the size and type of affordable housing required, and the likely profile of household types requiring market housing, including families with children, single persons and couples. The guidance states that LPA's may wish to set out a range of densities across the plan area rather than one broad density range. 30 dwellings per hectare is set out as an indicative minimum. Paragraph 50 states that the density of existing development should not dictate that of new housing by stifling change or requiring replication of existing style or form. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate a positive approach to renewable energy and sustainable development.
- 5.4 **Circular 11/95 – The Use of Conditions in Planning Permissions:** Advises that conditions should be necessary, relevant to planning, relevant to the development permitted, enforceable, precise and reasonable in all other respects.
- 5.5 **Circular 05/2005 - Planning Obligations:** Advises that planning obligations must be relevant to planning, necessary, directly related to the proposed development, fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind and reasonable in all other respect.

5.6 East of England Plan 2008

SS1	Achieving sustainable development
T14	Parking
ENV7	Quality in the built environment
ENG6	CO ₂ emissions and energy performance
WM8	Waste management in development

5.7 Cambridge Local Plan 2006

3/1 Sustainable development
3/4 Responding to context
3/7 Creating successful places
3/10 Sub-division of existing plots
3/12 The design of new buildings
3/14 Extending buildings
4/13 Pollution and amenity
5/1 Housing provision
8/2 Transport impact
8/6 Cycle parking
8/10 Off-street car parking

Planning Obligation Related Policies

3/8 Open space and recreation provision through new development
5/14 Provision of community facilities through new development
10/1 Infrastructure improvements

5.8 Supplementary Planning Documents

Cambridge City Council (May 2007) – Sustainable Design and Construction: Sets out essential and recommended design considerations of relevance to sustainable design and construction. Applicants for major developments are required to submit a sustainability checklist along with a corresponding sustainability statement that should set out information indicated in the checklist. Essential design considerations relate directly to specific policies in the Cambridge Local Plan 2006. Recommended considerations are ones that the council would like to see in major developments. Essential design considerations are urban design, transport, movement and accessibility, sustainable drainage (urban extensions), energy, recycling and waste facilities, biodiversity and pollution.

Recommended design considerations are climate change adaptation, water, materials and construction waste and historic environment.

5.9 Material Considerations

Cambridge City Council (2004) – Planning Obligation Strategy: Sets out the Council's requirements in respect of issues such as public open space, transport, public art, community facility provision, affordable housing, public realm improvements and educational needs for new developments.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

Cambridgeshire County Council (Engineering)

6.1 No Objection: Informatives requested regarding works to the highway.

Head of Environmental Services

6.2 No objections, conditions requested regarding construction working hours, deliveries and waste storage.

6.3 The above responses are a summary of the comments that have been received. Full details of the consultation responses can be inspected on the application file.

7.0 REPRESENTATIONS

7.1 The owners/occupiers of the following addresses have made representations:

- 19 Leete Road
- 17 Leete Road

7.2 The representations can be summarised as follows:

- Altering character of the estate
- Contrast of materials
- Obscuring of view
- Overlooking
- Privacy impacts
- Increase in traffic

-Flats being let to “transient” people and impact upon child safety

7.3 The above representations are a summary of the comments that have been received. Full details of the representations can be inspected on the application file.

8.0 ASSESSMENT

8.1 From the consultation responses and representations received and from my inspection of the site and the surroundings, I consider that the main issues are:

1. Principle of development
2. Context of site, design and external spaces
3. Residential amenity
4. Impact on the highway
5. Car and cycle parking
6. Third party representations
7. Planning Obligation Strategy

Principle of Development

8.2 The application is broadly supported by Local Plan policy 5/1 which identifies the need for new housing within the city in appropriate locations and subject to other policies in the Local Plan. Proposals for windfall sites such as these will be permitted subject to existing land use and compatibility with adjoining uses. The application site is in a predominately residential area where additional dwellings can be supported in principle.

8.3 In my opinion, the principle of the development is acceptable and in accordance with policy 5/1 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

8.4 Policy 3/10 of the Local Plan is of direct relevance to the development of the as it relates to development which involves the subdivision of an existing curtilage and retention of the original dwelling, in this case 2 Drayton Road. Policy 3/10 does not permit development in the following circumstances (précised form):

- Where it would have an adverse impact on residential amenities.
- Where it would provide inadequate amenity space or access.
- Where it would detract from the prevailing character of the area.
- Where it would adversely affect the setting of a listed building or BLI.
- Where it would adversely affect trees and wildlife features.
- Where it would prejudice comprehensive development of a wider area.

The development is not near a listed building or BLI, will not affect trees or wildlife features and does not prejudice comprehensive development. I have addressed the issues of residential amenity impacts, amenity space and access and impact on the character of the area below.

Context of site, design and external spaces

- 8.5 The application is consistent with the primarily residential nature of the site and surrounding areas, and the design of the terrace including the aforementioned development to the south. The layout of the development is detailed within the application and conforms to the existing layout of the terrace that will greatly reduce the potential for visual harm. I note that there is already a similar development to the south, which would allow for this application to create a degree of symmetry to the terrace. The application does not include details of the appearance of the building but the illustrative massing studies demonstrate that a successful built form can be achieved.
- 8.6 The area does retain some large plots on the corners of interlinking streets, which originally played an important role in the layout and design of the residential area, but I consider that as this general characteristic has been steadily eroded over time. In the light of the previously permitted extensions it would be unreasonable to suggest that the application would result in a detrimental impact upon the street scene in my view. A representation has been received regarding the materials to be used. I agree that this is an important consideration in ensuring that the development is compatible with its surroundings and have recommended a planning condition to address this point.

- 8.7 In my opinion the proposal is broadly compliant with East of England Plan 2008 policy ENV7, and Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policies 3/4, 3/7, 3/10, 3/12 and 3/14.

Residential Amenity

Impact on amenity of neighbouring occupiers

- 8.8 There will be a degree of overlooking which will be created as a result of a residential development on this site, although I note that there will remain a significant distance (over 17 metres) from the southern boundary of the property to the north, and significantly over 20 metres from those to the west upon Leete Road. This potential for overlooking (or inter-looking) would be no greater than that of the existing residential properties. As such I consider that no harm will be realised and that this would not be a justification for a recommendation of refusal. Similarly there will not be any significant impact on the privacy currently enjoyed by residents.
- 8.9 In terms of visual disruption/loss of outlook I consider that whilst the development will result in a degree of change in the streetscene and the views currently enjoyed by neighbours, this change will not have a significant impact on residential amenities such that a recommendation of refusal of planning permission could be justified.
- 8.10 The proposed development retains a garden area to serve 2 Drayton Road, measuring 15 metres by 5 metres and two tandem parking spaces to serve this dwelling. Although small, the retained garden area is consistent with other gardens in the area, most notably the 'retained' garden to 1 Malletts Road, which is the same size. This level of amenity is adequate in my view.
- 8.11 In my opinion the proposal adequately respects the residential amenity of its neighbours and the constraints of the site and I consider that it is compliant with East of England Plan (2008) policy ENV7, and Cambridge Local Plan (2006) policies 3/4 and 3/7.

Amenity for future occupiers of the site

- 8.12 The layout provides for two small amenity areas approximately 6 metres by 6 metres to serve the two flats. A recycling/bin/cycle store is shown accessed via Drayton Road. Subject to a planning condition to control the detail of cycle parking and waste storage provision, I am satisfied that the development will provide for a good standard of amenity for future occupiers.
- 8.13 In my opinion, the development is compliant with East of England Plan (2008) policy ENV7, and Cambridge Local Plan (2006) policies 3/4, 3/10 and 3/14.

Impact on the highway

- 8.14 Third party representations have highlighted the potential for increased traffic associated with the development. Bearing in mind that the site is currently undeveloped, the new flats are likely to generate some additional traffic over and above the existing situation. However, it is my view that the level of traffic generation will not be significant, which is reflected in the comments of the highway authority. The development is compliant with Cambridge Local Plan policy 8/2.

Car and cycle parking

- 8.15 One parking space for each of the flats and two spaces to serve 2 Drayton Road are shown on the layout plan. The spaces serving 2 Drayton Road result in 'tandem parking', which could result in additional manoeuvring in the street. Given that Drayton Road is a quiet residential street I do not think that this presents a problem. The level of car parking accords with the parking standards in the Local Plan. Cycle parking is to be provided in a shared bike and bin store. I have recommended a condition to ensure adequate space is provided. The development is compliant with Cambridge Local Plan policies 8/6 and 8/10.

Third Party Representations

- 8.16 I have addressed the issues raised by third party representations as follows:

Altering character of the estate – 8.5 and 8.6
 Contrast of materials – 8.6
 Obscuring of view – 8.9
 Overlooking – 8.8
 Privacy impacts – 8.8
 Increase in traffic – 8.13

I have not addressed the issue of ‘Flats being let to “transient” people and impact upon child safety’. The occupiers of the flats are not a material planning consideration in the determination of the application.

Planning Obligation Strategy

8.17 The Planning Obligation Strategy (2004) provides a framework for expenditure of financial contributions collected through planning obligations. The applicants have indicated their willingness to enter into a S106 planning obligation in accordance with the requirements of the Strategy. The proposed development triggers the requirement for the following community infrastructure:

Open Space

8.18 The Planning Obligation strategy requires that all new residential developments contribute to the provision or improvement of public open space, either through provision on site as part of the development or through a financial contribution for use across the city. The proposed development requires a contribution to be made towards open space, comprising formal open space, informal open space and children’s play areas. The total contribution sought has been calculated as follows.

8.19 The application proposes the erection of two two-bedroom flats. A house or flat is assumed to accommodate one person for each bedroom, but one-bedroom flats are assumed to accommodate 1.5 people. Contributions towards children’s play space are not required from one-bedroom units. The totals required for the new buildings are calculated as follows:

Formal open space					
Type of unit	Persons per unit	£ per person	£per unit	Number of such	Total £

				units	
1 bed	1.5	360	540		
2-bed	2	360	720	2	£1440
3-bed	3	360	1080		
4-bed	4	360	1440		
Total					£1440

Informal open space					
Type of unit	Persons per unit	£ per person	£per unit	Number of such units	Total £
1 bed	1.5	306	459		
2-bed	2	306	612	2	£1224
3-bed	3	306	918		
4-bed	4	306	1224		
Total					£1224

Children's play space					
Type of unit	Persons per unit	£ per person	£per unit	Number of such units	Total £
1 bed	1.5	0	0		0
2-bed	2	399	798	2	£1596
3-bed	3	399	1197		
4-bed	4	399	1596		
Total					£1596

8.20 Subject to the completion of a S106 planning obligation to secure the requirements of the Planning Obligation Strategy (2004), I am satisfied that the proposal accords with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan (2003) policies P6/1 and P9/8 and Cambridge Local Plan (2006) policies 3/8 and 10/1.

Community Development

8.21 The Planning Obligation Strategy (2004) requires that all new residential developments contribute to community development facilities, programmes and projects. This contribution is £1085 for each unit of one or two bedrooms and £1625 for each larger

unit. The total contribution sought has been calculated as follows:

Community facilities			
Type of unit	£per unit	Number of such units	Total £
1 bed	1085		
2-bed	1085	2	£2170
3-bed	1625		
4-bed	1625		
Total			£2170

8.22 Subject to the completion of a S106 planning obligation to secure the requirements of the Planning Obligation Strategy (2004), I am satisfied that the proposal accords with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan (2003) policies P6/1 and P9/8 and Cambridge Local Plan (2006) policies 5/14 and 10/1.

9.0 RECOMMENDATION APPROVE,
Subject to the following conditions

1. Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the local planning authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In accordance with the requirements of section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Approval of the details of the design and external appearance of the building and the landscaping of the site (hereinafter called the reserved matters) shall be obtained from the local planning authority in writing before any development is commenced.

Reason: To ensure that all necessary details are acceptable. (East of England Plan 2008 policy ENV7 and Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policies 3/4, 3/12 and 8/2)

3. No development shall take place until samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the appearance of the external surfaces is appropriate. (East of England Plan 2008 policy ENV7 and Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policies 3/4, 3/12 and 3/14)

4. No development shall commence until full details of facilities for the covered, secure parking of bicycles for use in connection with the development hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing. The agreed facilities shall be provided in accordance with the approved details before use of the development commences.

Reason: To ensure appropriate provision for the secure storage of bicycles. (Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policy 8/6)

5. Except with the prior written agreement of the local planning authority in writing no construction work or demolition shall be carried out or plant operated other than between the following hours: 0800 hours to 1800 hours Monday to Friday, 0800 hours to 1300 hours on Saturday and at no time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the adjoining properties. (Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policy 4/13)

6. Except with the prior agreement of the local planning authority in writing, there should be no collection or deliveries to the site during the demolition and construction stages outside the hours of 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs on Monday - Saturday and there should be no collections or deliveries on Sundays or Bank and public holidays.

Reason: Due to the proximity of residential properties to this premises and that extensive refurbishment will be required, the above conditions are recommended to protect the amenity of these residential properties throughout the redevelopment in accordance with policies 4/13 and 6/10 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006)

7. Prior to the commencement of development, full details of the on-site storage facilities for waste storage, including waste for recycling shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. Such details shall identify the specific positions of wheelie bins, recycling boxes or any other means of storage and arrangements for disposal of waste. The approved facilities shall be provided prior to occupation of the development and retained thereafter unless alternative arrangements are agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To protect the amenities of nearby residents/occupiers and in the interests of visual amenity. (East of England Plan 2008 policy ENV7 and in accordance with policy 3/12 and 4/13 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006)

INFORMATIVE: New development can sometimes cause inconvenience, disturbance and disruption to local residents, businesses and passers by. As a result the City Council runs a Considerate Contractor Scheme aimed at promoting high standards of care during construction. The City Council encourages the developer of the site, through its building contractor, to join the scheme and agree to comply with the model Code of Good Practice, in the interests of good neighbourliness. Information about the scheme can be obtained from The Considerate Contractor project Officer in the Planning Department (Tel: 01223 457121).

INFORMATIVE: This planning permission should be read in conjunction with the associated deed of planning obligation prepared under s.106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

INFORMATIVE: Notwithstanding any consent granted under the relevant planning act/s, the applicant is advised that before any works are carried out on any footway, carriageway, verge or other land forming part of the public highway the express consent of Cambridgeshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority will be required. All costs associated with any construction works will be borne by the developer. The developer will not be permitted to drain roof water over the public highway, nor across it in a surface channel, but must make arrangements to install a piped drainage connection. No window or door will be allowed to open over a highway and no foundation or footing for the structure will be allowed to encroach under the public highway.

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INFORMATIVE: The applicant is advised that any granting of Planning Permission does not constitute a permission or licence to a developer to carry out any works within, or disturbance of, or interference with, the Public Highway, and a separate permission must be sought from the Highway Authority for such works.

Reasons for Approval

1. This development has been approved, conditionally, because subject to those requirements it is considered to generally conform to the Development Plan, particularly the following policies:

East of England plan 2008: ENV 7

Cambridge Local Plan (2006): 3/1, 3/4, 3/7, 3/8, 3/10, 3/12, 3/14, 5/1, 5/14, 8/2, 8/6, 8/10 and 10/1

2. The decision has been made having had regard to all other material planning considerations, none of which was considered to have been of such significance as to justify doing other than grant planning permission.

These reasons for approval can be a summary of the reasons for grant of planning permission only. For further detail on the decision please see the officer report by visiting the Council Planning Department.

Unless prior agreement has been obtained from the Head of Development Services, and the Chair and Spokesperson of this Committee to extend the period for completion of the Planning Obligation required in connection with this development, if the Obligation has not been completed by 31 October 2009 it is recommended that the application be refused for the following reason:

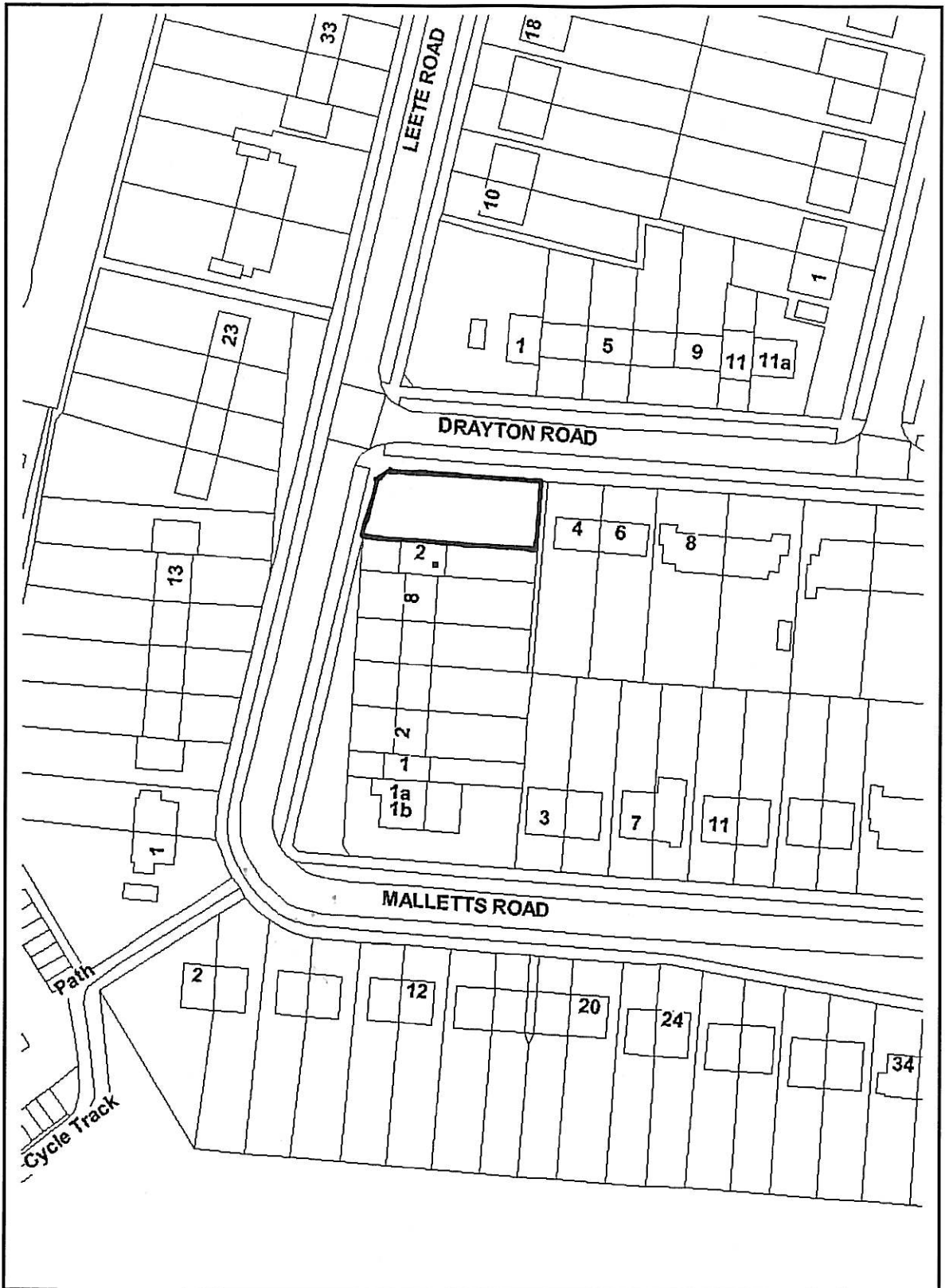
The proposed development does not make appropriate provision for public open space and community development facilities, in accordance with policies 3/8, 5/14 and 10/1 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006; and policies P6/1 and P9/8 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003; and as detailed in the Planning Obligation Strategy 2004 and Guidance for Interpretation and Implementation of Open Space Standards 2006.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972, the following are “background papers” for each report on a planning application:

1. The planning application and plans;
2. Any explanatory or accompanying letter or document from the applicant;
3. Comments of Council departments on the application;
4. Comments or representations by third parties on the application as referred to in the report plus any additional comments received before the meeting at which the application is considered; unless (in each case) the document discloses “exempt or confidential information”
5. Any Structure Plan, Local Plan or Council Policy Document referred to in individual reports.

These papers may be inspected by contacting John Summers (Ext.7103) in the Planning Department.



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