General Development Applications

(6/j) Application No: PAP/2020/0599

92, Coleshill Road, Hartshill, CV10 0PH

Formation of additional car parking including changing of levels, construction of boundary, retaining walls and lighting (retrospective), for

Mr S Chaudry - MAC Developments & Construction Ltd

Introduction

This application is being reported to the Board at the discretion of the Head of Development Control given the issues involved. An initial report for information was referred to the Board on 14 July 2021 and that is attached at Appendix A. An additional site visit has been programmed for Members unable to attend the one on 12 July.

Members will be aware that the proposed development is substantially completed and thus the application should be treated as one seeking retrospective permission.

The Site

The site itself is to the rear of Coleshill Road. To the north of the site is land within the control of the applicant which includes a recently constructed shop and another row of shops with flats above. To the west of the site are the Council owned bungalows in Willow Close. To the east of the site are residential properties in Chancery Lane. To the south of the site are gardens of Chancery Lane and a small holding. Part of the site is situated in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's jurisdiction and therefore a planning application has also been submitted to that Authority.

A general location plan is at Appendix B.

The Proposal

The application proposes the formation of a 50-space car park through the changing of levels of the land to the rear of 92 Coleshill Road. The development also includes the formation of retaining walls and its enclosure by 2.4m high fencing; lighting columns have been erected and the proposal also includes plastic 'camouflaged' netting to the retaining wall facing Willow Close. The proposal is to provide additional parking to serve the commercial units within the applicant's ownership on Coleshill Road. The car park is adjacent to the new store which has approved opening hours between 0700 and 2200 hours.

The original submission was for 60 spaces, but this has been reduced in order to provide better circulation as well as to allow for a recycling area.

The proposed layout is at Appendix B

Background

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Other Relevant Material Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework 2019 – (the "NPPF")

National Planning Practice Guidance

The North Warwickshire Local Plan Submission Version, March 2018 - LP1 (Sustainable Development); LP11 Economic Regeneration, LP31 (Development Considerations) and LP32 (Built Form)

Proposed Main Modifications to the Submitted Plan – MM21(in respect of LP1); MM 55 (in respect of LP11), MM74 (in respect of LP31) and MM75 (in respect of LP32)

Air Quality - Planning Guidance Document September 2019

Consultations

Warwickshire County Council as Highway Authority - It has raised concerns about an intensification of use of the access and it also considers that a Road Safety Audit should be submitted.

Environmental Health Officer – Noise and lighting assessments have been submitted and in principle it is considered that appropriate conditions and design specifications would be sufficient to mitigate adverse impacts.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council – It objects to the development in that the retaining wall and fencing will have a detrimental impact on visual amenity. This may also have a significant impact on the residential properties.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service – No objections.

Representations

A petition signed by 11 residents, objects to the scheme outlining the following concerns:

- Willow Close residents were advised that a new fence would be erected, not the concrete walls.
- Residents can no longer enjoy garden areas.
- Scale of the car park is huge.
- No consultation prior to the erection of the proposal.
- Proposals continued without planning permission.
- Disregard for neighbours.
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- This is a supermarket carpark not just a staff car park
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There have been letters of objection from four local residents raising issues in respect of the following:

- The proposal does not accord to the application forms in terms of materials and surface water attenuation.
- Surface water attenuation should amount to 84 cubic metres of attenuation. This has not been included, which will lead to water on neighbouring properties. No plans have been submitted showing connections.
- The approved commercial development shows overland surface water.
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- Concerns it is not be used as a car park but as a recycling centre or other commercial activities.
- Impact during construction, noise, vibration, dust
- Should be carbon off contributions from the development.
- The development echoes as noise is amplified

A further letter of objection has been received which is included at Appendix C.

Observations

i) The Principle of the Development

The proposal is situated adjacent to Chapel End Neighbourhood Centre as defined by Policy LP21 of the emerging local plan which is designated between 82-102 Coleshill Road. Additionally, Policy H12 of the Hartshill Neighbourhood Plan indicates that within this area expansion of retail provision will be supported. When planning permission is required, non-retail uses will be restricted in order to retain the level of retail provision in the area. The use of the northern element of site is already approved for retail use.

There is no objection in principle here as the proposal provides both staff and customer parking for an approved retail scheme within an established retail and community centre. It will also enable deliveries to be made on-site, removing vehicles from the road. There is thus a benefit in reducing the pressure for on-street carparking on the Coleshill Road. Additionally, the land has been used in the past for parking in association with the frontage properties and thus there is no material change of use involved.

The matters for consideration by the Board are therefore in respect of the details and these revolve around the matter of impacts arising from the redevelopment of the land.

ii) Impact on Residential Amenity

It is important to note that this is an urbanised mixed residential and retail area and therefore there are related adverse noise, lighting, highway, parking and amenity impacts already present throughout the day. This is more applicable to those residential properties directly opposite the site as this proposal has given the opportunity to reduce on-street parking and deliveries and thus provide some benefit. It is however the impact on the residential properties that adjoin the site that require the further assessment – Chancery Lane and Willow Close.

The most immediate impact to consider is the visual impact. The change from the original parking area here has been substantial. The surface of that area was unmade and there was a hedgerow and green natural boundary around the three boundaries.

That has all been removed. The new boundaries are concrete retaining walls with high wooden fences. Lighting columns have been added. Some degree of mitigation has been added through the "greening" of the exposed walls through the application of netting with its applied artificial vegetation. The visual impact is at its most significant when viewed from the south from the open land beyond the site. This adverse impact is also apparent from the rear gardens of properties in Chancery Lane – which extend along the length of the southern boundary wall.

On the other hand, the rear boundary is "read" against the backdrop of the rear of the frontage properties to Coleshill Road. It is important to point out that the level of the former land here was also at a raised level from the surrounding land. The surface of the car park at its greatest, is some 0.5 metres above that former level of the car park and this is at its southern edge (Appendix D shows aerial photographs of the site and original photographs from Chancery Lane). That land had no retaining features and there was already evidence of some bank slippage. Some weight therefore is given to the argument that this land would have had to have been stabilised at some-time. Notwithstanding these matters it is considered that the current work has been engineered in a significant way such that the adverse visual impact has been exaggerated.

A number of neighbours have indicated that the development has led to a loss of sunlight and daylight in their gardens as well as there being an oppressive sense of enclosure because of the proximity of the retaining walls and the fencing. Appendix E provides dimensions to illustrate this matter. It cannot be argued that the proposal does not have an impact. This is most notably to properties at 25-29 Willow Close and numbers 7, 9 and 11 Chancery Lane. The impact on direct sunlight to their gardens is early in the morning and later in the afternoon and evening respectfully. Members will have seen the difference in levels of the neighbouring gardens on site. In Willow Close the proximity of the retaining wall is 8 to11metres from the rear windows of the bungalows. There will be a difference in levels of between 4 to 5.5metres when an acoustic fence is placed onto the retaining wall. This will lead to a high degree of enclosure for the bungalows both to their gardens and rear windows. On Chancery Lane the distance from existing windows is 8 to 14 metres. Again, there is a difference in levels of around 2 metres plus the 2.4 metre high fence. The size and layout of the gardens of these properties are also factors to consider, but the sense of enclosure is reduced by the set-back position of the fence and the size of their gardens. The increased height of the land and fencing does provide the benefit of privacy for the residential properties and ensures that they are not overlooked, as well as stopping noise and disturbance from the proposed use. However, there is a detrimental impact on all of these properties. This weighs against the application.

The applicant has submitted a noise report based on the proposed layout and mitigation and concludes that the noise impact will not exceed national planning guidance. The Environmental Health Officer is comfortable with the assessment subject seeing details of the fencing. The 2.4m high fence and 1.5m fence on the retaining wall which will be finished with concrete at the base covering the existing gap will mitigate much of the noise. The use as a car park will have to be conditioned. Comings and goings are likely to be perceptible, the main road provides some level of noise, though overall background/ambient noise levels are relatively low. Therefore, any alterations to the movements will be heard especially when background levels are low. To ensure that mitigation is provided in perpetuity a condition on the management of the attenuation is required and to ensure that the fencing is up to standard as required. The weight attributed to this issue is neutral in the overall balance.

To assess whether or not there is detrimental impact to the neighbouring residential properties in terms of lighting, a lighting assessment has been submitted. This has taken into account the 4m height of the 14 columns and the 2.4m high fencing. The cowling and position of the lighting columns have all been amended to ensure that the proposal does not lead to a detrimental impact on neighbouring residential properties. From this and given that the setting of the site is suburban in character, it is considered that subject to conditions ensuring that the lighting is switched off after 2230 and not switched on before 0700; that the direction of the lighting source is horizontal and specification for the maximum level of lighting, the impacts would not be unacceptable.

iii) Drainage

Residents have raised concerned in respect of surface water drainage. For such a large area of car parking, drainage attenuation and mitigation are required.

The applicant has submitted a drainage layout for the scheme which shows drainage channels along two sides of the scheme which link into an underground drainage system leading to an underground attenuation storage tank that was already approved as part of the retail scheme. This approved tank however has been increased from 12 cubic metres to 140 cubic metres. There is an interceptor and a hydro-brake to filter and limit flows into the mains sewer system. Surface water is thus not discharged into a watercourse. Also, the stream that ran along the eastern boundary has been culverted. It is not considered that a refusal reason could be sustained in these circumstances subject to a condition requiring maintenance of the system.

Further concerns have been raised recently in respect of the drainage issues following a torrential rainstorm on the first weekend in July. This caused manholes on Coleshill Road and Chancery Lane to burst causing flooding at a number of properties – including those backing onto the site at Chancery Lane. There was also "ponding" on the car park itself as a consequence of the burst manholes in the Coleshill Road. It is considered that in these circumstances the car park was unlikely to be the source of the flooding.

iv) Highways

The car park brings substantial benefits in supporting the retail and commercial uses in this area through increasing capacity as well as though providing off-street delivery arrangements. The approved retail unit referred to above included access improvements to the existing provision onto Coleshill Road so as to enable increased provision at the rear of the site.

Paragraph 109 of the NPPF makes is clear that development should only be refused on highways grounds where there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts of the scheme are severe. Although, the Highway Authority has had some concerns about the use and how the proposed car park would function, it recognises that access would be via an approved access off Coleshill Road with improved visibility and width. The Highway Authority also acknowledge the need for additional parking in close proximity to the shops to minimise the risk to highway safety, combined with the removal of on-street parking is a significant benefit. The applicant will have to provide a Road Safety Audit to look in detail at safety issues that might affect circulation at the access, and this is still awaited. Subject to there being no matters that cannot be dealt with by condition, it is considered that the proposals would not give rise to the "severe" impacts required to sustain a refusal.

v) Other issues

A range of planning mechanisms can be used to mitigate and minimise risks to development proceeding. During the progress of the development there have been discussions with Building Control and Environmental Health, however concerns have been raised in respect of land stability issues. These discussions continue.

The scheme will provide 6 electric charging points.

The proposal has removed a number of trees and hedges on site. The scheme will provide landscaping to mitigate loss. However that cannot wholly mitigate the overall loss.

Issues raised in terms of the noise experienced during the construction of the car park are not material considerations as part of this application and should not be taken into account. Also, there are private matters in terms of alleged damage and ownership which are also not material considerations.

Members will be aware that it is not an offence to carry out unauthorised works without planning permission. These works are not unlawful in that respect. Members are advised that the fact that the application is retrospective is not therefore a reason for refusal. It has to be dealt with on its merits based on an assessment of all relevant planning considerations. In this respect Government guidance advises that formal enforcement action should only be considered in the last resort and therefore the use of planning conditions can assist in many cases.

vi) The Planning Balance

The application is finely balanced. There are indeed adverse impacts visually as well as on the residential amenity which Members will have seen on their visits. In respect of lighting and noise impacts then it is considered that these have been and can be mitigated by planning condition. Drainage impacts are not considered to be unacceptable given that the site has become "self-contained" in that respect. There are outstanding highway safety matters, but given the approved improvements to the access here and its use to serve new car parking, it is acknowledged that support can be given in principle in highway terms. This leads to recognition of the significant highway, social and commercial benefits that have been outlined in this report on the other side of the balance. Members will also be aware of the residential allocations in the emerging Local Plan and thus the need to ensure that local services and infrastructure is delivered and that occupiers of these developments use those local services so as to enhance sustainability and the vitality of the local retail and commercial centre here.

It is considered that the greater long-term benefits here are strong enough to outweigh the harms caused.

The recommendation below is thus one that supports this principle.

Recommendation

That the Board is **minded to support** the grant of planning permission and that subject to there being no objection from the Highway Authority as a consequence of the Road Safety Audit that cannot be dealt with by condition, and also taking into account consideration of ground stability and bio-diversity issues, a full schedule of conditions be delegated to the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Opposition Planning Spokesperson and the local Members.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D, as substituted by the Local Government Act, 2000 Section 97

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18	Noise assessment, Lighting Assessment, Plans submitted	Correspondence	21/07/2021

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Consultations

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Environmental Health Officer – It required both noise and lighting assessments to be undertaken

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Observations

Planning legislation states that "If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts, the determination must be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise." (Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, amending the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The statutory Development Plan comprises the North Warwickshire Core Strategy adopted in July 2014; Saved policies of the North Warwickshire Local Plan 2006 and the Hartshill Neighbourhood Plan. Other material planning considerations comprise the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published February 2019, the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), the emerging North Warwickshire Local Plan (2018) and the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance.

The proposal is situated adjacent to Chapel End Neighbourhood Centre as defined by Policy LP21 of the emerging local plan which is designated between 82-102 Coleshill Road. Additionally, policy H12 of the Hartshill Neighbourhood Plan indicates that within this area expansion of retail provision will be supported. When planning permission is required, non-retail uses will be restricted in order to retain the level of retail provision in the area. The use of the northern part of the site is already approved for retail use.

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There are however a number of detailed matters which need to be considered, particularly the impacts on the residential amenity of existing neighbouring properties in respect of visual impact, lighting and noise. These are the main issues raised through the representations which have been received. Other matters such as the disposal of surface water and highway safety need to be considered. The current documentation submitted however requires updating and there is also some clarification needed. This is being actively addressed by the applicant. As a consequence, officers are unable to prepare a determination report at this time. It is therefore recommended that that report is tabled at a subsequent Board meeting when the documentation is complete and after Members have visited the site.

Recommendation

That the current position is noted and that a determination report be referred to the Board in due course.

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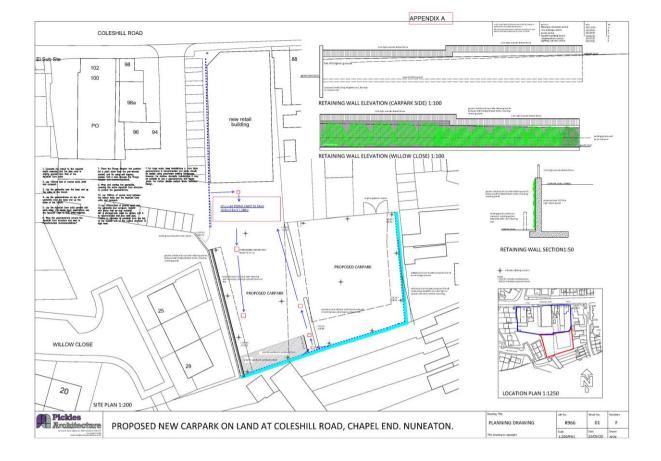
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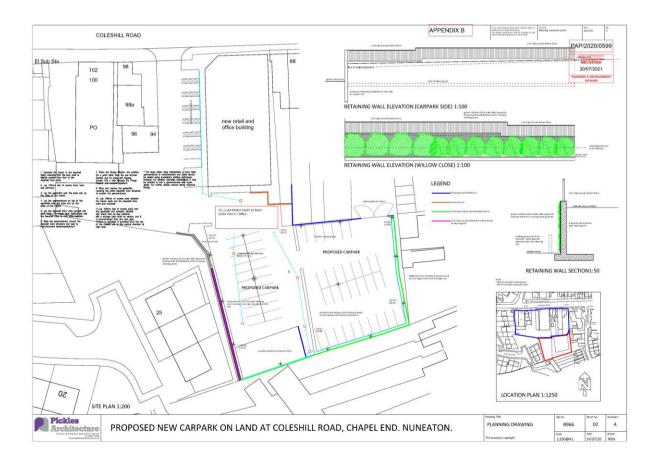
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Dear Members of the planning committee

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We all watched the discussion yesterday with a great deal on interest, made even more poignant with application sharing many of the attributes 92 Coleshill Road has.

APPENDIX C

To quote NWBC recent refusal of a nearby development, I see no difference in this application

'by virtue of its scale; height and massing forms a dominant and incongruous feature which fails to positively integrate with the existing built form or respect the immediate surroundings. Moreover it has an overbearing and unacceptable impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers thus conflicting with saved policies ENV12 and ENV13 cf the 2066 NWBC local plan: policy H4 cf the Hartshill Neighbourhood Plan and Policy NW10 (9) of the North Warwickshire Core Strategy 2014'

Points I would like all members of the committee to be furnished with are as follows, before its pushed through because its taken too long. This is not new information, it has been in the knowledge of members of NWBC since before this all started

The outcome of yesterday's meeting had 2 key points promoting its value and necessity for an oversized combined staff and customer parking area.

1st point – Where is the study with facts and figures that backs this claim up? Rather a subjective opinion. The applicant did build on a carpark on the former Chapel End Club, and I recall that there would be no consequences of any loss of amenity.

2nd point –

aware our garden flooded with water cascading off the applicant's site.



Plans eventually submitted, after the site was constructed were misleading at best. Looking nothing like what was actually built and leaving residents guessing, what is going to happen next.

Application for the proposed Aldi employee car park, discussed issues of environmental and sustainable requirements embedding within planning framework. Electrification, cycling and walking to work to minimise impact of developments. Nothing has been submitted by applicant to show this is part of their sustainable and carbon neutral plan. Significant portion of the site is restricted to employee only parking according to rumour. This is for a small convenience store and an unknown activity in the shop roof space that developer claimed would be void to roof on their approved plan.

This now out ways the claims that shoppers and Coleshill Road will benefit from additional off road parking.

Ground height has only been discussed on 1 of the 3 residential boundaries. When will those in Chancery Lane be considered because they are anything but minor or insignificant?

Statement ' The ground height has barely changed levels' we find an insult. Why did it take over 100 lorry loads of rock to not increase ground levels (2 feet and rear of new shop) and still end up with a slope.

Ranging from 1.2m to 2.0m difference between residents gardens and carpark means something has changed. See attached report planning enforcement officer Lindon Morgan asked permission to use in his investigation into ground height change. There was talk from Lindon to us about an independent surveyor being used to clarify this.





Repeat again, this application has had

- no consultation,
- no construction methods plan,
- no agreed working hours for construction,
- no ground surveys for pipes and land stratigraphy for structures to retain huge amount of weight,
- ground water studies,
- No surveys as required for sheet piling before and after works.
- List goes on

Damage to main sewer in Chapel End by piling and sewage flooding into garden of 9 Chancery Lane.



Suitability of end of life, rusty, scrap steel piles. What is their lifespan before replacements are required or does the material collapse into resident's gardens?

Lighting and CCTV remain a mystery but are too high along the boundaries

Site now contains a substantial waste centre located above resident's gardens, as far from the shop as possible. Noise, smells all need to be considered when in this location.

Repeat, where is the carbon offset that is so important to the Aldi application and is embedded in the planning framework of all councils?

Can we please have a legible copy of the plan, because latest version has text written in our garden.

Site is dangerous in operation. Supermarket elevated carpark in Coleshill has crash barriers to stop run away vehicles from breaking through the boundary structure. Nothing on this site, just a kerb and wooden fence.

Sound studies conducted by applicant are flawed, because the microphones were somehow placed in residents gardens measuring an unoccupied carpark below carpark elevated ground levels.

Water drainage studies by the applicant has been shown to be incorrect and will never meet required standards. Independent surveyor has commented on this. Was tunnelling into private gardens looking for drainage acceptable?



We are aware all information and questions submitted to NWBC have been relayed to the applicant

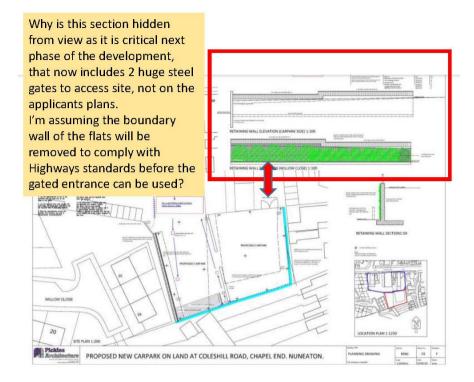
Finally who is going to inform all residents and businesses connected to the sewer that was damaged during piling and construction, they will need to be rehoused?

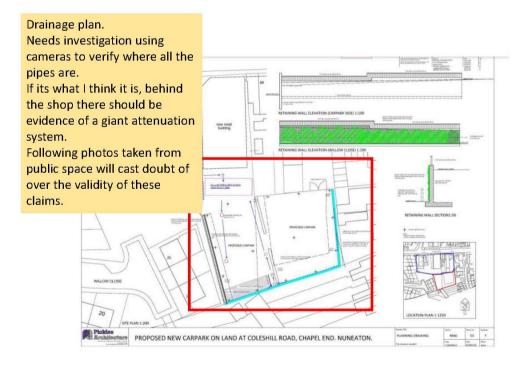
Severn Trent and Warwickshire Flooding are jointly investigating the significant and terminal damage caused by months of heavy plant and violent vibrations. Done to compact 1000's of tonnes of imported stone, used to increase ground levels.



Attached is a professional survey of 40m of sewer under the applicant's site showing significant damage and cracks. Estimated life is 3 years, that's not including all the vibrations from an operational carpark and waste centre above. The high quality materials must now be removed to allow for replacement of entire sewer pipe.

If this is approved in its current state, it open the flood gates and sets a precedent for even worse projects, allowing developers to do what they want, how they want, when they want.







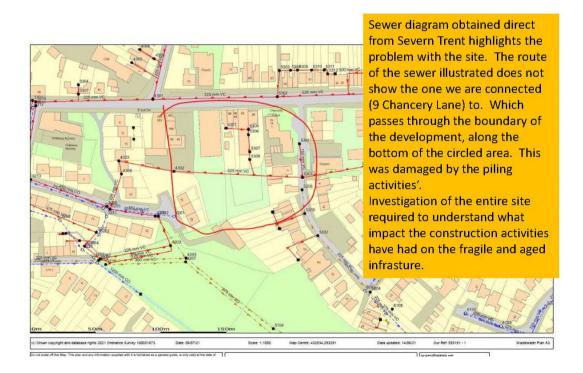
Drainage plan. Original design for plan PAP/2019/0036 shows high level of technical engineering and sound specification, where as recent plan looks concept and inaccurate

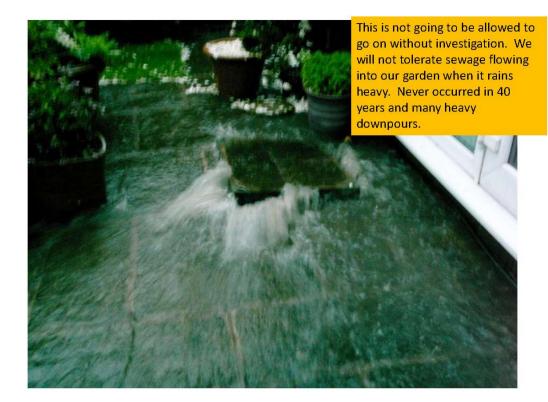
















addition to the sewage fountain is the volume of surface water which poured off the carpark and into our garden. Has the surface drainage been plumbed directly into one of the combined sewer drains and caused a huge increase in volume to process?



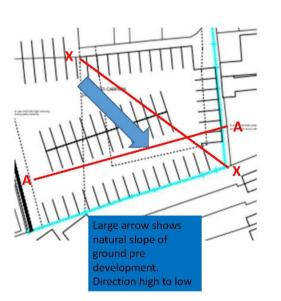
The dotted lines here show that the ground was not a uniform level across the entire site. This is taken from the owners original application and shows there is variation. Which is the reason sheet piles have been used to raise it.

Ground outside the dotted line returns to natural ground levels. (See later slide showing OS contours)

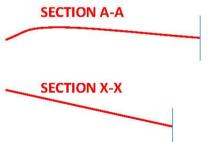
Surrounding residential gardens and field have not been altered in height significantly since the last ice age.

These levels vary in elevation as you progress around the boundary

See next slide for sections across the site



Pre development natural ground levels

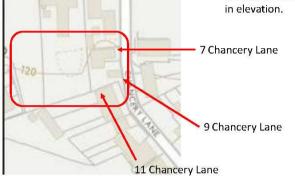


Boundary to 9 Chancery Lane

OS map showing contour and ground height 120m.

In centre of the site ground is level until you reach boundary of 9 Chancery Lane, where it drops in elevation.

On side of Willow Close the ground level also drops in elevation.







Natural ground height to boundary of 9 Chancery Lane and illegal excavations over boundary line (search for non existent pipes) into 9 Chancery Lane property



Photo taken from corner of boundaries of 9 & 11 Chancery Lane is the lowest point of the development site . Stream has now been piped in where the breeze blocks are stacked



Photo taken from 11 Chancery Lane

Blue line shows final elevated ground level.

See next slide for actual levels when compared to tops of the metal piles



Raised ground level when compared to metal piles and original fence. Paved level will increase height even more. Before any development had taken place, showing open stream and fence of no11 Chancery Lane. Embankment was raised to this level in 1980's. The crates are all from the Shambles building site on Coleshill Road Club



All vegetation removed, ready for piles. You can see the natural ground level of no11 Chancery Lane is considerably lower than the raised pre development level as you move towards the blue shed.



Change in height to rear of shop Photo taken before any changes were made to ground levels

Area in red box shown in more detail on next slide



From original ground level to top of blue bricks is approximately 9 bricks at 75mm height. Allowing for a 10mm bed gives 765mm



If you can see through the clouds of thick brick dust we endured for weeks, you can see they have built a ramp up to the top of bottom of the rear access door. They have already started the process of raising ground levels at this time



View showing

environmental massacre of trees and hedgerows in progress.

You can clearly see how the land slopes down to the left and behind the panes of glass are the roofs of Willow Close.



View showing stone being delivered. Land still slopes but is now much higher. Roof tops of Willow Close can barely be seen.





Stone and more stone. 2 of many lorry loads delivered to raise ground height









Showing arrival of metal piles, violent installion method and more stone deliver from Tarmac. Also building up of the layers of rock.









06/07/2021

Job Number: 004

M & N Drainage

Astley Cottage, Breach Oak Lane, Corley, Warwickshire, CV7 8AU Tel: 07715 616 784

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Drainage and Plumbing	Project Ir	M & N Drainage and Plumbing Astley Cottage, Breach Oak Lane Dorley Warwickshire CV7 8AU	
Job Number 004	Surveyed by (Operator) Neal Barford	Base Unit MNLOANUNIT	Date 06/07/2021
Client Details: Mr Wykes 9 Chancery Lane Chapel End CV10 0PB			
Site Details: 9 Chancery Lane Chapel End CV10 0PB			
Contractor Details: M & N Drainage and Plum Astley Cottage, Breach O Corley Warwickshire CV7 8AU	bing ak Lane	Office Contact Number: 07715	616784
Purpose of Survey:			

Drainage and Plumbing	Contents	M & N Drainage and Plumbing Astley Cottage, Breach Oak Lane Corky Warwickshire CV7 8AU	
Job Number	Surveyed by (Operator)	Base Unit	Date
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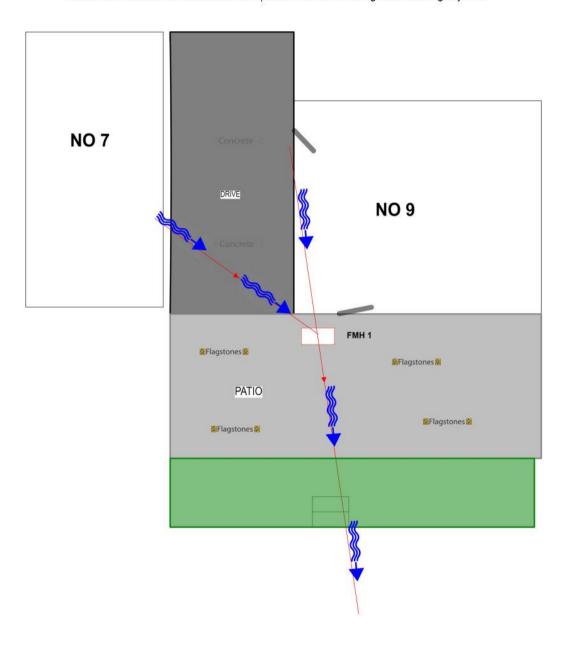
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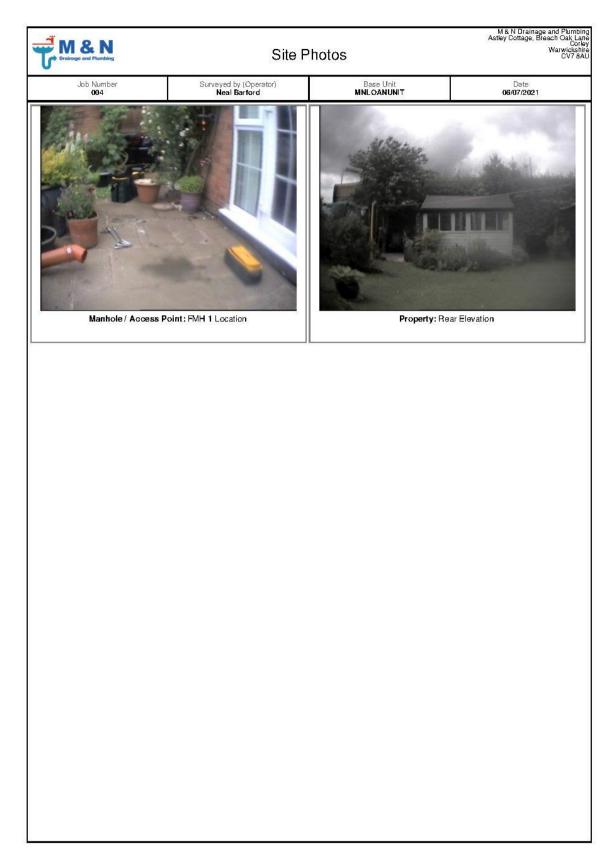
Hi Tom

You will see from the survey that at various locations from 1.74 mtr -8.55 mtr there are displaced joints. At 13.64 mtrs you will see what looks to be a partial collapse to the left hand side of the sewer. This will not help with the issues you have been having over the past week with back surging and flooding. I cannot say 100% this is a result from the works that have been going on to the rear of your property, but in my opinion it wont have helped matters. As you can also see from the survey from this point onwards there are several issues with cracking, from 25.50 mtrs to 29.90 mtrs, and again 34.83 mtrs along to 40.74 mtrs which is where it then joins another manhole. If you have any furth questions then please do not hesitate to contact me. Many Thanks Neal

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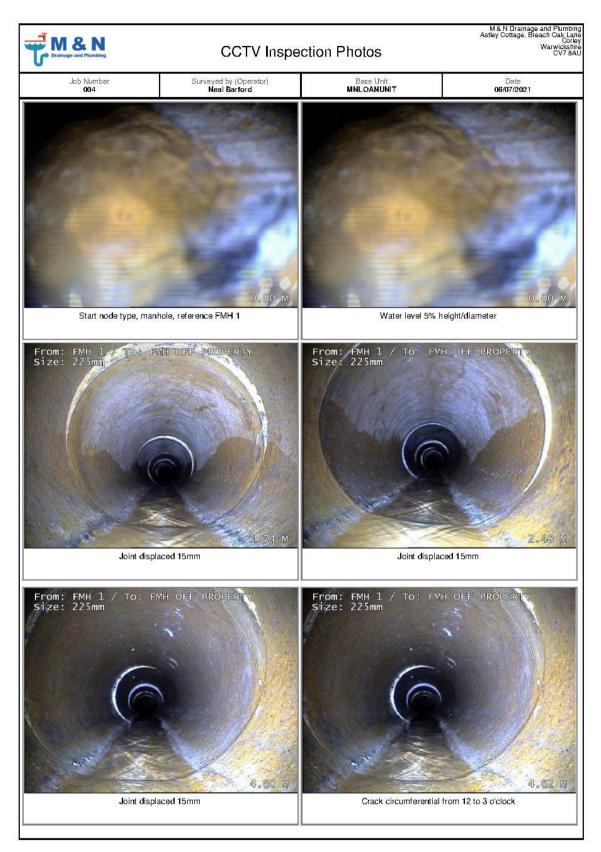
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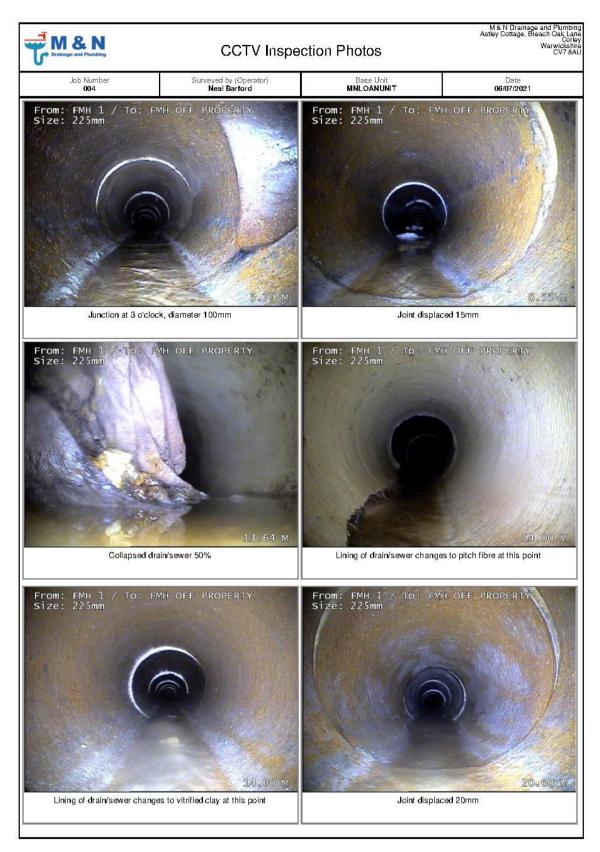


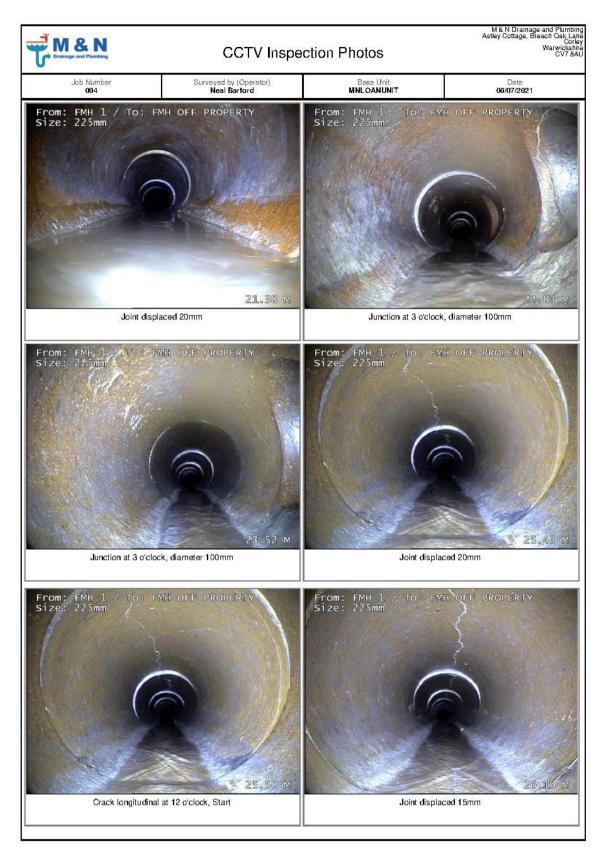


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Job Number 004	Surveyed by (Operator) Neal Barford	Base Unit MNLOANUNIT	Date 06/07/2021			
Job Information Total Distance Surveyed: 4 Engineer: Neal Barford Number of Surveys: 1 Number of Surveys grade						
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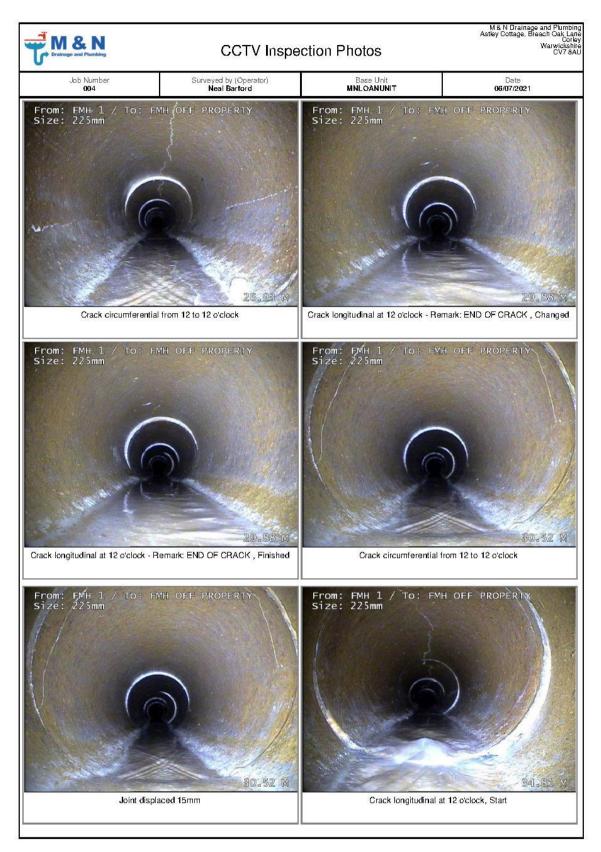
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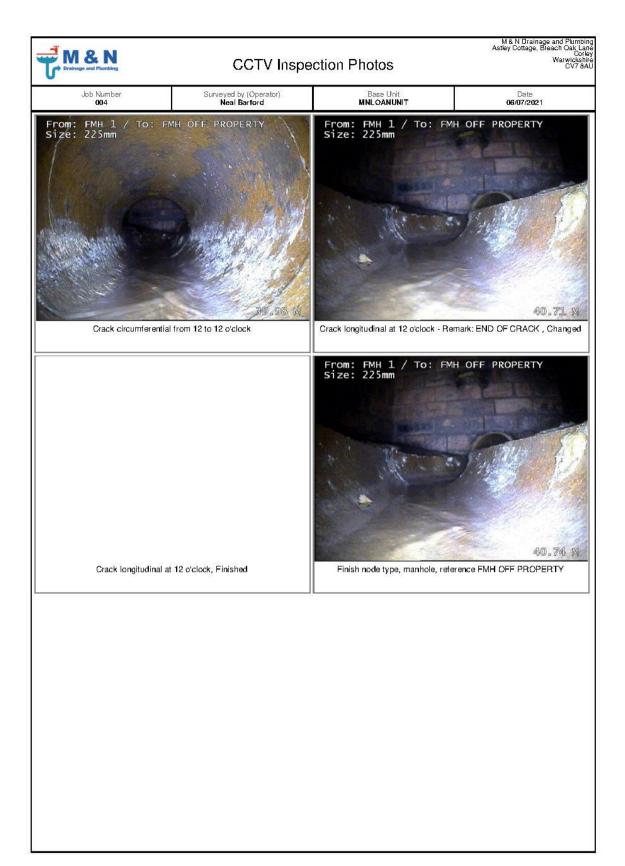






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Trainage and Plumbing	Defect Grade	Descriptions	M & N Drainage and Plumbing Astley Cottage, Breach Oak Lane Dorley Warwickshire CV7 8AU
Job Number 00 4	Surveyed by (Operator) Neal Barford	Base Unit MNLOANUNIT	Date 06/07/2021
1: Occurences without dama	age. For example, laterals, joint	s,etc.	
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	vith insufficent static safety, hy able infiltration/extiltration, cavi on of pipe wall etc.		
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5: Pipe is already or will sho obstructions. Pipe loses wat	rtly be impermeable: Eg. collap er or danger of backwater in ba	sed pipe, deeply rooted pipe o sements etc.	r other drainage
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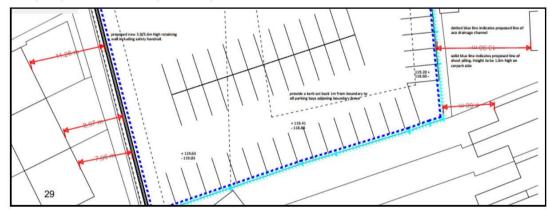
APPENDIX D

Aerial Photograph - April 2020 Photograph



Photograph looking south, Chancery Lane boundary on left – pre development





11.26m, 8.97m, 7.96m Willow Close 13.98m, 7.66m Chancery Close

Dimensions of boundary treatment to properties in Willow Close and Chancery Lane





Photograph looking north towards Coleshill Road – Chancery Lane on right during development

Agenda Item No 7

Planning and Development Board

2 August 2021

Report of the Head of Development Control Corporate Plan and Performance Targets

1 Summary

1.1 The report brings the Board up to date on a number of targets and indicators.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

2 Background

2.1 The Board received a progress report on these targets at the last meeting. The Board resolved that it wished to know how it was proposed to move forward on the items that had been shown as "red" on the traffic light system. The three matters that were shown as red in the last report are detailed below – there was one performance target and two Corporate Plan targets.

3 The Targets

- 3.1 The "red" Performance Target NW: NI157 (c), to process 90% of "other" applications within 8 weeks. The last quarter was 77%. The main issues here are delays caused by substantial increases in workload as well as delays in the private sector dealing with increased demand. In order to move towards the target, extensions of time are requested of applicants in other words seeking a voluntary agreement to extend the 8-week period. This however is purely voluntary as the "take-up" is variable as can be seen from the performance. If officers were to adhere strictly to the target, then there would be fewer requests to seek amendments so as to improve design or to resolve neighbour issues and there could also be an increase in refusals leading to a greater appeal workload. It is necessary to strike the right balance.
- 3.2 The proposed action to improve performance is to continue to press for extensions of time when necessary.

- 3.3 In respect of the Corporate Plan targets, then the first is to report on ways to improve enforcement of planning powers by November 2020 (target 23). Work commenced with Member involvement on reviewing the Council's Enforcement Policy last year but that came to an abrupt standstill early this year, when both, one or the other of the two Enforcement Officers were away on sickness absence. Both have now returned. In that period there have been a number of very complex cases involving multi-agency approaches which have taken up a considerable amount of time. The "normal" Enforcement workload has also increased significantly.
- 3.4 Now that both enforcement officers are back at work, the proposed actions are therefore to revive work on the Enforcement Policy review with Member involvement. That in particular is an opportunity to agree "priorities". Additionally, it is proposed to undertake enforcement training with Members such that they can understand the legal background in which we have to operate.
- 3.5 The second Corporate Plan target indicated as red was target 62. This was to examine the case for a sub-regional planning policy framework for sustainable building construction. The delay in progressing this target has been because of Covid. The Coventry and Warwickshire Planning Officers Group is now scoping out the work required to develop such a policy framework. However, this may develop into a different stream of work as changes take place beyond the Borough which will have an impact on this target. For example, the Government is looking to change the Building Regulations through the consultation on Future Building Standard, which aligns with the Future Homes Standard, and will regulate new homes as well as non-residential buildings. It will seek such improvements as improved energy efficiency post construction, the reuse of heat, water re-use and a reduction in waste during construction and change legislation and guidance on the issue. Also, WMCA and Homes England are working to encourage or require modern methods of construction. As a consequence, it is considered that the target here is moving into "amber" as work progresses.

4 **Report Implications**

4.1 **Financial and Value for Money Implications**

4.1.1 The costs associated from work progressing these targets is taken from existing budgets.

4.2 Environment and Sustainability Implications

4.2.1 Continuing with progressing these targets will increase the quality of the service and contribute to more sustainable developments.

4.3 Links to the Council's Priorities

4.3.1 These targets and indicators reflect the Council's priorities of supporting employment and business as well as promoting sustainable development and protecting the Borough's countryside and heritage.

The Contact Officer for this report is Jeff Brown (719310)

Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D, as substituted by the Local Government Act, 2000 Section 97

Background Paper No	Author	Nature of Background Paper	Date

Equality Impact Assessment Summary Sheet

Please complete the following table summarised from the equality impact assessment form. This should be completed and attached to relevant Board reports.

Name of Policy Procedure/Service	
Officer Responsible for assessment	

Does this policy /procedure /service have any differential impact on the following equality groups /people

- (a) Is there a positive impact on any of the equality target groups or contribute to promoting equal opportunities and improve relations or:
- (b) could there be a negative impact on any of the equality target groups i.e. disadvantage them in any way

Equality Group	Positive impact	Negative impact	Reasons/Comments
Racial			
Gender			
Disabled people			
Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people			
Older/Younger people			
Religion and Beliefs			
People having dependents caring responsibilities			
People having an offending past			
Transgender people			

If you have answered **No** to any of the above please give your reasons below

Please indicate if you believe that this document

Should proceed to further Impact assessment

Needs no further action

	BOROUGH COUNCIL			Division			Cost Centre or Service			.
Risk Ref	Risk: Title/Description	Consequence	Likelihood (5 = high, 1 = low)	Impact (5 = high, 1 = low)	Gross Risk Rating	Responsible Officer	Existing Control Procedures	Likelihood(5 = high, 1 = low)	Impact (5 = high, 1 = low)	Net Risk Rating
Risk Ref	Options for additional / replacement control procedure						Cost Resources	Likelihood (5 = high, 1 = low)	Impact (5 = high, 1 = low)	Net Risk Rating

Risk Management Form

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