

UTT/0713/12/FUL - SAFFRON WALDEN

PROPOSAL: Proposed erection of post mounted CCTV camera

LOCATION: Swan Meadow, Park Lane/New Pond Lane, Saffron Walden

APPLICANT: Saffron Walden Town Council

AGENT: Saffron Walden Town Council

GRID REFERENCE: TL 535-384

EXPIRY DATE: 21 June 2012

CASE OFFICER: Mr C Theobald

APPLICATION TYPE: OTHER

1. NOTATION

1.1 Within Development Limits/Within Conservation Area/Adjacent Listed Buildings.

2. DESCRIPTION OF SITE

2.1 The application site is located to the east of the entrance to Swan Meadow Car park. It forms part of the footpath on Park Lane which runs from the car park to the town centre. A close boarded fence runs along the boundary of the footpath at this point. To the south of the fence is a greenhouse.

3. PROPOSAL

3.1 The proposal relates to the installation of a Victorian style column with a global CCTV camera fixture. The column would be around 8m tall and would be located adjacent to an existing street light and telegraph pole.

4. APPLICANT'S CASE

4.1 The existing CCTV system has been installed since 1994 and in need of an upgrade. This will involve upgrading the existing cameras and the installation of new cameras (this location is a new camera). The siting of the column which the CCTV camera will be mounted upon will not impact on the Conservation Area at all. It will not affect any Listed Buildings in any way either.

5. RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

5.1 None.

6. POLICIES

6.1 National Policies

National Planning Policy Framework

6.2 East of England Plan 2006

No relevant policies

6.3 Essex Replacement Structure Plan 2001

No relevant policies

6.4 Uttlesford District Local Plan 2005

Policy S1
Policy ENV1
Policy ENV2
Policy GEN2

7. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

7.1 These plans were not discussed as they were submitted by Saffron Walden Town Council.

8. CONSULTATIONS

ECC Archaeology

8.1 No archaeological recommendation.

9. REPRESENTATIONS

9.1 This application has been advertised and no representations have been received. Notification period expired 12 June 2012.

10. APPRAISAL

The issues to consider in the determination of the application are:

- A whether the proposal is acceptable in this location (ULP Policies S1 and GEN2)
- B whether the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the character and/or setting of the conservation area or the setting of adjacent listed buildings (ULP Policies ENV1 and ENV2)

- 10.1 The proposal relates to the installation of a Victorian style column to accommodate a CCTV camera. This is part of the up-grade of the existing system within the town centre. Home Office figures show that Saffron Walden has a below average crime and anti-social behaviour rate. However, hotspots do exist and it is these locations where CCTV systems can be beneficial. This location is identified as being a location where anti-social behaviour and criminal damage occurs.
- 10.2 Paragraph 69 of the NPPF requires planning policies and decision to promote safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion. Ideally this should be through good design of new development. Policy GEN2 has a presumption in favour of development which helps to reduce the potential for crime.
- 10.3 The installation of the Victorian column would enable the installation of the CCTV system in this location which would help alleviate crime, or the fear of crime, and potentially increase public access. The proposals would therefore be in accordance with national and local policy.
- 10.4 The use of a Victorian style column would minimise the impact of the proposal in terms of its impact on the character and setting of the Conservation Area. The use of this type of column would be appropriate in this location and in accordance with national and local policy. The column should not result in any adverse impact on the setting of the adjacent listed buildings.

11. CONCLUSION

The following is a summary of the main reasons for the recommendation:

- A The proposal would accord with national and local policies to reduce the potential for crime.
- B The style of the column would be appropriate for this location and should not result in detrimental harm to the character and setting of the conservation area or the setting of adjacent listed buildings.

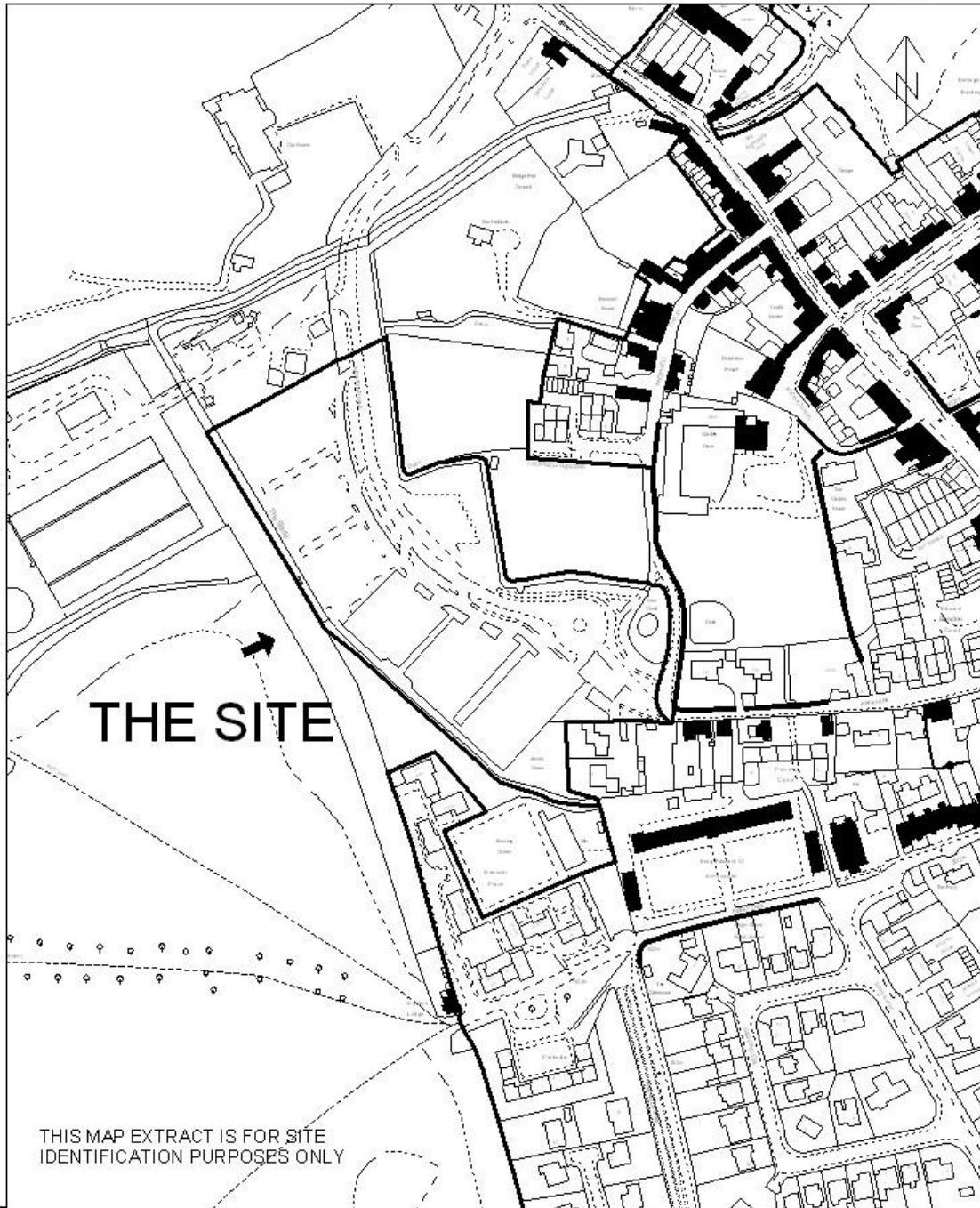
RECOMMENDATION – CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this decision.

REASON: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans as set out in the Schedule.

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt as to the nature of the development hereby permitted, to ensure development is carried out in accordance with the approved application details, to ensure that the development is carried out with the minimum harm to the local environment, in accordance with the Policies of the Uttlesford Local Plan (adopted 2005) as shown in the Schedule of Policies.



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