



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

to
**DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE
27 OCTOBER 2022**

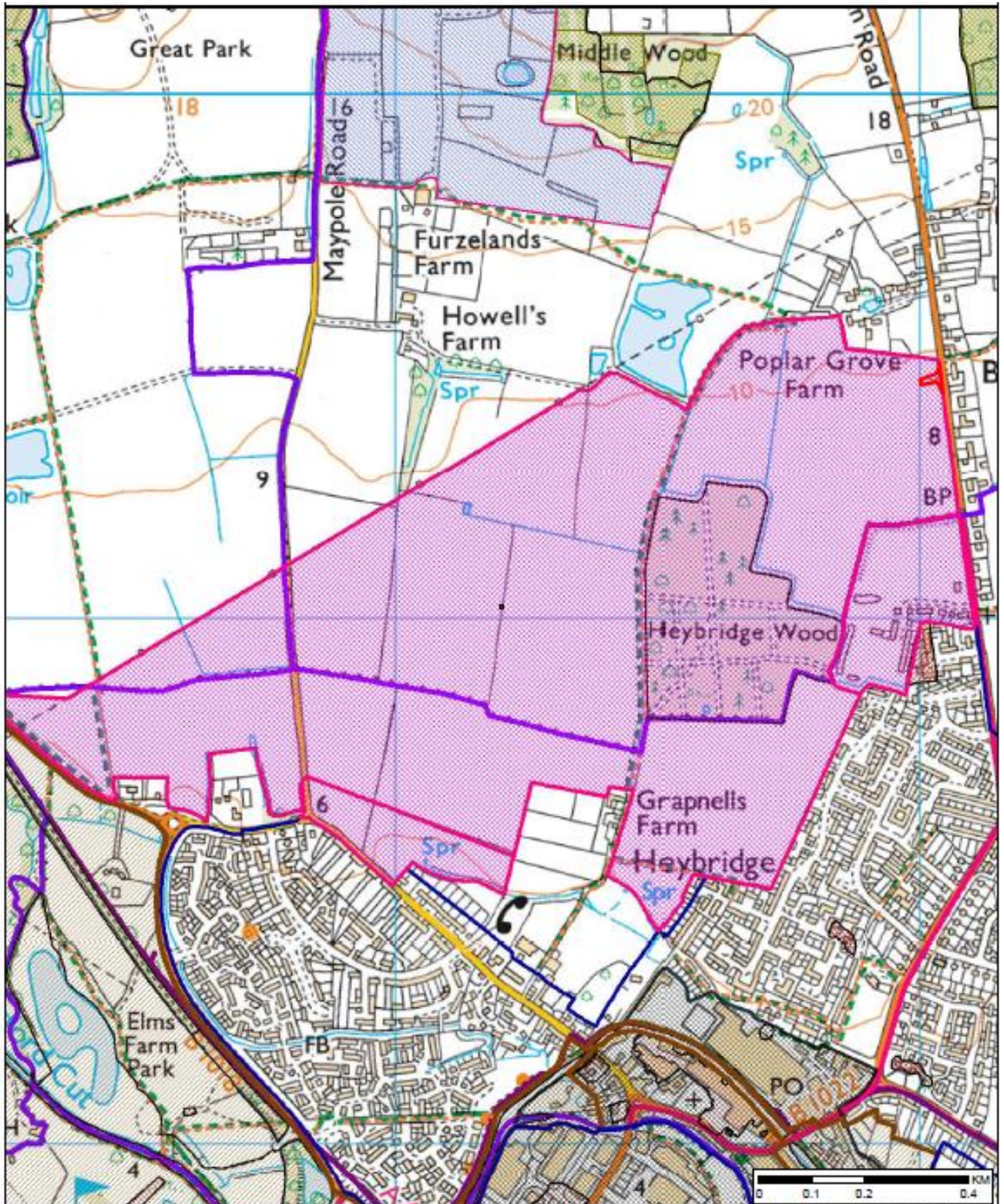
Application Number	22/00523/RESM
Location	Land At Broad Street Green Road, Maypole Road And Langford Road, Heybridge, Essex
Proposal	Reserved matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for the construction of 262 residential units with associated access, parking, servicing and landscaping (Phase 2 only) on approved application 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including: (i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% as affordable housing (Outline) (ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline) (iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a and/or D1b) (Outline) (iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline) (v) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (Detailed element) (vi) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline); (vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and (viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline).
Applicant	Bellway Homes (Thames Gateway)
Agent	Catherine Williams - Savills
Target Decision Date	27.10.2022
Case Officer	Anna Tastsoglou
Parish	GREAT TOTHAM
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Strategic site within the strategic submitted Local Development Plan


1. RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE subject to the conditions (as detailed in Section 8 of this report).

2. SITE MAP

Please see below.



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3. SUMMARY

3.1 Proposal / brief overview, including any relevant background information

3.1.1 The application relates to the largest of the three sites allocated for development in the North Heybridge Garden Suburb referred to in Policy S2 as S2(d) North of Heybridge, which was granted planning consent for a hybrid mixed-use development on appeal on 25 October 2019 under reference 15/00419/OUT. The site is located to the north of the Heybridge settlement boundary, west of Broad Street Green Road, east of Langford Road.

3.1.2 The development granted on appeal under reference 15/00419/OUT was:

“Part outline / part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including:

- (i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% as affordable housing (Outline)*
- (ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline)*
- (iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a and/or D1b) (Outline)*
- (iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline)*
- (v) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (Detailed element)*
- (vi) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline);*
- (vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and*
- (viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline).”*

3.1.3 The current proposal relates to Phase 2 of the approved development and in particular the land that is reserved for the delivery of residential parcels 10, 11 and 12, which constitute Phase 2. The three parcels are located adjacent to, and to the west of Broad Street Green Road, northeast of Heybridge Wood.

3.1.4 The northern residential parcels (parcels 10 and 11) are located between the approved relief road and the spine road, to the north and south, respectively. To the northeast of parcel 11 there is a landscaped area and open space, which would include a large attenuation basin. The northern boundary of the parcels would be demarcated by the acoustic bund and associated landscaping providing a gap between the residential development and the relief road (approved under landscaping reserved matters application 21/00961/RES). To the east of parcel 10 is parcel 6, which forms part of final phase of the development.

3.1.5 The southern parcel (parcel 12) is located to the south of the spine road, to the northeast of Heybridge Wood and northwest of the approved development at the S2(f) allocated site. This parcel is also bordered by landscaping to all boundaries with attenuation basins to the south, northeast and northwest.

3.1.6 It should be noted that the development does not include the land that is necessary to provide the strategic landscaping and infrastructure elements, such as roads, paths, open space and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, for this Phase. This element of Phase 2 was previously assessed and approved at the District Planning Committee meeting on 3 March 2022 under the terms of application 21/00961/RES.

3.1.7 Condition 11 of 15/00419/OUT required that before or concurrent with the first reserved matters application(s) for the site, a strategic phasing plan, for the site was to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. A revised Strategic Phasing Plan was approved on 14 January 2022, under the terms of application 21/05187/DET. This application covers the residential element of Phase 2 area of the development. Following consideration of this application, all elements of phase 2 (including the strategic landscaping and infrastructure and residential elements) would have been determined. However, it is noted that the residential and non-residential elements of Phase 2a would be determined under a separate application.

3.1.8 The map below shows the agreed Phase 2 area in Red.



Phase 2 and Phase 2A - Red

3.1.9 Planning permission is sought for the construction of 262 residential units with associated access, parking, servicing and landscaping.

3.1.10 The proposal would provide the following housing mix:

- Market units:
 - 61 two-bedroom units
 - 74 three-bedroom units
 - 48 four-bedroom units
- Affordable units:
 - 33 one-bedroom units
 - 38 two-bedroom units
 - 8 three-bedroom units

- 3.1.11 Parcel 10 (northeastern parcel) would accommodate 35 residential units. Access to this parcel would be taken from the spine road that runs along the southern boundary of this parcel, heading north creating a T-shape junction providing access to the dwellings within the proposed two blocks. This is the smaller parcel of this phase and it would accommodate detached, semi-detached and terraced two storey dwellings and a couple of bungalows.
- 3.1.12 Parcel 11 (northwestern parcel) would accommodate 56 residential units. There will be one access to this parcel, on the western part of the parcel taken from the spine road that runs along the southern boundary of this parcel, heading north creating a T-shape junction. Two more service accesses are proposed splitting the parcel into four different plots. The residential units proposed in this parcel would include a mixture of detached and semi-detached dwellings with maisonettes and flats on the north-eastern block, facing the spine road.
- 3.1.13 Parcel 12 (southern parcel) would accommodate 171 units. There will be one access to the site taken off the spine road along the northern boundary of the parcel, heading south and dividing the parcel into two sections. There will be ten residential blocks within this parcel. This parcel would accommodate three part three, part two-storey blocks of flats, detached, semi-detached and terraced two storey dwellings and semi-detached bungalows.
- 3.1.14 The development would provide 28 different types of dwellings and apartment blocks, which details are set out below:

Dwelling type	Number of bedrooms	Number of units	Plots	Description
Affordable housing				
Apartment Block 1	1 and 2 - beds	8	92-99	This is a part two, part three-storey apartment block. The block would be of an almost L-shape and it would feature primarily gabled roofs. The block would be located on the northwestern corner of parcel 12 and it would measure 25.2 metres wide, 22.7 metres deep, 5.4 metres high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 9.4 metres to the top of the two -storey element and 12.3 metres to the top of the three storey element. Balconies, including Juliet balconies are proposed to be incorporated to the design of the building. Parking for this block is proposed to the southeast, together with the parking area for apartment block 2. Communal amenity space would be provided immediately adjacent to the southeast corner of the building.
Apartment Block 2	1 and 2 - beds	6	100-106	This is a part two storey, part three-storey block of flats, located to the east of the Apartment Block 1. The building would be curved following the boundary line of parcel 12. The building would feature gable roof and would incorporate balconies to the north elevation. It would measure a maximum of 11.4 metres deep and approximately 30.3 metre wide, 5.4 metres

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				high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 12.3 metres to the top of the tree storey element. Amenity space for the future occupiers would be provided to the south of the building and the parking would be provided in a shared parking area to the south serving both apartment blocks 1 and 2.
Apartment block 3	1 and 2 - beds	13	148-160	This is an L-shaped, part three, part two-storey, gabled roof building. A flat roof single storey projection accommodating a bike store is proposed to the rear elevation of the building and a three storey, flat roof, squared projection providing landing facilities. Balconies are proposed to the north and east elevations. In terms of dimensions, the building would measure 29.8 metres wide, 31.7 metres deep, 5.4 metres high to the eaves, 9.4 metres high to the top of the two-storey element and 12.3 to the top of the three-storey element. Communal amenity space would be provided to the southwest of the building and parking would be split into two areas to the west and south of the building.
Housetype 17	1 bed	4	198, 199, 200, 201	These semi-detached bungalows would have a hipped roof with a central gable feature to the front. The bungalows would measure 9.3 metres deep, 6.5 metres wide, 2.3 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 5.4 meters.
Housetype 18	1 bed	2	172, 173	This pair of semi-detached bungalows would be M4(3) wheelchair user building regulations compliant and it would measure 10.2 metres deep, 7 metres wide, 2.3 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 5.6 meters. This pair of semi-detached bungalows would be of similar design to housetype 17, apart from the central front gable feature, which in these units is of larger width.
Housetype 19	1 bed	8	161, 162, 213, 214, 215, 229, 230, 231,	These semi-detached and terraced, one bedroom dwellings would be of a rectangular shape and of a simple design. The dwellings would measure 7.6 metres deep, 4.7 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.5 meters.
Housetype 20	2 bed	23	20, 21, 24, 25, 39,	These semi-detached two storey, two-bedroom dwellings would have a gable roof and be rectangular in shape. Fenestration would follow ques from other dwellings proposed within the scheme,

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			40, 41, 47, 48, 49, 50, 57, 58, 70, 130, 131, 140, 141, 174, 175, 208, 232, 233	providing casement windows and detailing, in a form of panels being positioned between the windows and the ground. The dwellings would measure 10.5 metres deep, 4.6 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 9 meters.
Housetype 21	2 bed	2	68, 69	These semi-detached, two -bedroom bungalows would have gabled roofs with a central gable projecting feature to the front. The bungalows would measure 10.7 metres deep, 7.9 metres wide, 2.3 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 5.8 meters.
Housetype 24	3 bed	5	202, 203, 205, 206, 207	These two storey, three-bedroom dwellings would have a gable roof and be rectangular in shape. Fenestration would follow ques from other dwellings proposed within the scheme, providing large casement windows and detailing, in a form of panels being positioned between the windows and the ground. The dwellings would measure 10.5 metres deep, 5.3 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 9 meters.
Housetype 25	3 bed	3	71, 204, 209	These are two-storey dwellings with a part hipped, part gabled roof, almost full-height glazed windows at both first and ground floor and additional panel detailing. The dwellings would measure 10.5 metres deep, 5.3 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 9 meters.
Housetype 28	2 bed	1	166	This is bungalows would have a gabled roof with a gabled front projecting feature. The bungalow would measure 10.7 metres deep, 7.9 metres wide, 2.3 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 5.8 meters.

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Market housing				
Housetype 1	2 bed	14	76-77, 84-85, 109-111, 163-165, 168-169, 217-218, 243-246,	These are two-storey, terraced or semi-detached, two-bedroom dwellings. The dwellings would have gabled roof and represent a simple design with flat frontages. The dwelling would measure 4.7 metres wide, 9 metres deep. 4.9 metres high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.5 metres.
Housetype 2	2 bed with study	8	87-88, 116-117, 122-123, 137-138,	These are gabled roof, two storey semi-detached dwellings. Although the dwellings would have a simple design, window detailing and alternative to the main external finishing materials panels. Externally the dwellings would measure 5.5 metres wide, 8.2 metres deep, 4.8 metres high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.3 metres.
Housetype 2B	2bed with study	7	8-9, 62-64, 79-80,	These are a gabled roof, two storey semi-detached and terraced dwellings. The dwellings would have simple design and rectangular shape. Externally the dwellings would measure 5.5 metres wide, 8.2 metres deep, 4.8 metres high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.3 metres.
Housetype 3B	3bed	2	13-142	This is a pair of semi-detached dwellings with gable roofs and simple design. The dwelling would measure 5.3 metres wide, 10.5 metres deep, 4.8 metres high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 9 metres.
Housetype 4	3 bed	19	6, 56, 86, 91, 121, 124, 127, 132, 139, 142, 145, 167, 176, 182, 190, 197, 219, 247, 253	These are detached, two storey dwellings, with gable roofs, gable projecting features to the principal elevation and flat roof bay windows on the flank elevation, incorporating large scaled casement windows. They are dwellings located on corner plots, measuring 8.9 metres wide, 6.4 metres deep, 4.9 metres high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.2 meters.

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Housetype 4B	3 bed	6	15, 26, 30, 59, 78, 81	These detached, two storey dwellings are of the same dimensions and overall design as housetype 4. This is with the exception of the proposed fenestration, which is of more traditional character.
Housetype 5	3 bed	30	2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 89, 90, 107, 112, 113, 114, 115, 119, 120, 177, 185, 186, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 220, 221, 240, 248, 255, 256	These are semi- detached dwellings, with gabled roofs, single storey projecting bay windows to the front and large scaled windows. The properties would measure 9.2 metres deep, 6 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.4 meters.
Housetype 5B	3 bed	5	28, 29, 44, 60, 61	These semi-detached, two storey dwellings are of the same dimensions and overall design as housetype 5. This is with the exception of the proposed fenestration, which is of more traditional character.
Housetype 6	3 bed with study	1	262	This detached, two-storey, three bedroom, dwelling would measure 7.6 metres deep, 9.1 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.1 meters. The property would have an L-shaped gabled roof, with a two-storey front gable projecting feature of different finishing material from the rest of the dwelling.
Housetype 7	3 bed	8	18, 19, 20, 21, 35, 36, 37, 38	These semi-detached, two-and-a-half dwellings would accommodate three bedrooms and would measure 9.4 metres deep, 4.5 metres wide, 5.4 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 10.7meters. The properties would be of a rectangular shape with a gabled roof

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				dormer in the roof.
Housetype 8	3 bed	1	254	This detached dwelling would have a gabled roof and a single storey mono-pitched roof rearward projection. The property would measure 10.6 metres deep, 6.3 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.5 meters.
Housetype 9	4 bed	20	54, 55, 72, 73, 123, 123, 129, 133, 170, 171, 183, 216, 223, 266, 228, 235, 236, 237, 239, 241	These detached dwellings would have a gabled roof, with a double storey front projecting feature and large scaled fenestration. The properties would measure 10.2 metres deep, 6.7 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.7 meters.
Housetype 9B	4 bed	2	27, 43	These properties would be of the same size and overall design with housetype 9, except for the fenestration, which would feature a more traditional design.
Housetype 10	4 bed	11	1, 51, 108, 118, 128, 136, 184, 189, 222, 234, 242	These detached dwellings would feature an L-shaped gabled roof with a two-trey front projection. The dwellings would have large sized casement windows and varying finishing materials. In terms of external dimensions, the dwellings would measure 9.4 metres deep (with an additional 1.8 metres depth of the projecting feature), 8.5 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.3 meters.
Housetype 10B	4 bed	5	7, 12, 42, 46, 67	With the exception of the windows, this property would be the same in size and form as housetype 10.
Housetype 12	4 bed	3	188, 251, 252	These dwellings would have a main gabled roof with a two-storey front projecting feature. The dwellings would have large sized casement windows and varying finishing materials. In terms of external dimensions, the dwellings would measure 7.6 metres deep, 9.9 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.3 meters.

Dwelling type	Number of bedrooms	Number of units	Plots	Description
Housetype 13	4 bed	3	13, 227, 249	These are two-storey rectangular dwellings, incorporating a flat roof bay window on the flank elevation. The dwellings would feature large fenestration with detailed panels between the ground and first floor windows. In terms of external dimensions, the dwellings would measure 7.1 metres deep, 10 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.5 meters.
Housetype 14	4 bed	2	74, 250	These are two-storey almost squared shaped, gabled roof dwellings, incorporating large fenestration. In terms of external dimensions, the dwellings would measure 8.7 metres deep, 9.2 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.5 meters.
Housetype 27	2 bed	21	52, 53, 82, 83, 134, 135, 143, 144, 146, 147, 178, 179, 180, 181, 224, 225, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261	These are two-storey dwellings with gabled roofs, full-height glazed windows at both first and ground floor. The dwellings would measure 8.3 metres deep, 4.6 metres wide, 4.9 meters high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 8.3 meters.
Housetype 27B	2 bed	2	65, 66	This pair of semi-detached dwellings would be of the same size and form as housetypes 27, with the exception of the proposed fenestration, which is proposed to have a more traditional finish.
Housetype 27S	2 bed	1	45	There is only one difference between this housetype and that of housetype 27B. This is the provision of a ground floor bay window to the front elevation.

3.1.16 It is noted that all affordable units would meet Nationally Described Space Standards. The development would also include two, one-bedroom and two, two-bedroom M4(3b) wheelchair user houses.

3.1.17 With regard to amenity space provision, it is noted that all three and four bedroom properties would have gardens larger than 100sqm. One and two bedroom dwellings

would have gardens larger than 50sqm. This is with the exception of the two bedroom dwellings on plot numbers 9 and 163, which gardens are marginally under 50 sqm (49.6sqm and 49.2sqm respectively). Apartment block 1 would be served by 213.4sqm of amenity space and an additional 197.2sqm of landscaped area to the west next to the woodland area. Apartment block 2 would have access to amenity area measuring 193sqm and the apartment block on the northeast part of parcel 12 would be served by a private amenity area of 282.7sqm and an additional landscaped area to the front measuring 126.2sqm.

- 3.1.18 In terms of off-street parking provision, a total of 604 car parking spaces are proposed to be provided, of which 66 are visitor parking spaces and 6 are parking spaces provided for disabled people. The majority of the dwellings would benefit from on-plot parking; however, communal parking is proposed for the apartment blocks, as well as some on street parking for a number of the dwellings. The proposed detached garages would measure 3m x 7m internally, perpendicular parking bays (at right angles to the kerb) would measure 2.9m x 5.5m and parallel parking bays would be 2.5m wide x 6.6m deep.
- 3.1.19 Cycle parking would be provided either with the proposed garages, in communal cycle parking spaces or sheds that are proposed to be installed to all dwellings.
- 3.1.20 The details of the proposed detached vehicle garages are as follows:
- Double garages are would have gabled roofs and they would measure 6.4 metres wide, 7.3 metres deep, 2.3 metres high to the eaves, with a maximum height of 5.2 metres.
 - One of the proposed double garages would initially be used as a sales suite for the new housing. The garage would have two sets of glazed doors to the front elevation to provide access to the suite. Following cessation of the use of the garage as a sales suite, the building would be converted to its intended design as a double garage.
 - Single garages would measure 7.3 metres deep, 3.2 metres wide, 2.3 metres high to the eaves with a maximum height of 3.7 metres.
- 3.1.21 Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP), either wall mounted or as bollards would be installed to all dwellings and in several location on the communal car parking provided for the apartment blocks. There would also be passive EVCP near visitor parking bays for future installation of EVCP if needed.
- 3.1.22 Finishing materials to be used to the external elevations of the proposed dwellings would include red and cream brick light grey and black Marley cedar weatherboarding, slate effect, and clay effect roof tiles, black UPVC rainwater goods, white UPVC fascias and soffits and anthracite grey UPVC windows and doors. Boundary walls would be finished in red and buff brick.
- 3.1.23 Further plans and documents have been submitted with the application, including the following:
- Landscape Illustrative Masterplan
 - Landscape Design Access
 - Landscape Management Plan
 - Details of hardworks, softworks and boundary treatment
 - Planting Plan
 - General Arrangement plan
 - SUDS Maintenance Strategy

- SUDS Catchment Area Plans
- Drainage Layout
- Drainage Details
- Flood Flow Route
- Highway Dimensions Plan
- Swept Path Analysis
- Affordable Housing Scheme
- Design and Access Statement
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment
- Heritage Statement
- Phase 2 of the Heybridge Garden Suburb Ecology
- Planning Statement

3.1.24 These further documents are part of the ongoing discussion which has been taking place with the applicant with regard to the scheme through Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) meetings. Amendments have been incorporated into the scheme to address matters in relation to layout, density, design and quality of life considerations.

3.2 **Conclusion**

3.2.1 The principle of the development of this site has been accepted as the site forms part of the North Heybridge Garden Suburb, strategic site reference S2(d). The details of the residential element of phase 2 of the development are considered to accord with the North Heybridge Strategic Masterplan Framework, the North Heybridge Strategic Design Code, the approved parameter plans and the outline planning permission to which it relates (15/00419/OUT). Overall, it is considered that the layout, mass, height, form, design, appearance and landscaping of the development would be acceptable and would be a good representation of the character areas that are aimed for this section of the North Heybridge Garden Suburb and will deliver the high quality, vibrant and distinctive neighbourhoods that is the aim for garden suburbs. It is also considered that the proposal would provide a level of affordable housing that is policy compliant and would encourage mixed and diverse communities. The housing mix proposed would be acceptable, without prejudicing the deliverability of the approved development. The proposal, as a whole, would provide an acceptable quality of life for existing and future residents, and a level of parking that accords with the guidance contained within the Vehicle Parking Standards (VPS) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). No objection is raised in terms of the impact of the development on highway safety or the highway network. The impact on existing vegetation would be acceptable and the proposal would be able to deliver net biodiversity. On the basis of the above, this reserved matter application is considered acceptable and in accordance with the aims of the development plan.

4. **MAIN RELEVANT POLICIES**

Members' attention is drawn to the list of background papers attached to the agenda.

4.1 **National Planning Policy Framework 2021 including paragraphs:**

- 7 Sustainable development
- 8 Three objectives of sustainable development
- 10-12 Presumption in favour of sustainable development

- 38 Decision-making
- 47-50 Determining applications
- 54 – 57 Planning conditions and obligations
- 60-67 Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
- 92 – 103 Promoting healthy and safe communities
- 104-113 Promoting sustainable transport
- 119-125 Making effective use of land
- 126-136 Achieving well-designed places
- 152-169 Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
- 174-182 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- 189-193 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

4.2 **Maldon District Local Development Plan 2014 – 2029 approved by the Secretary of State:**

- S1 - Sustainable Development
- S2 - Strategic Growth
- S3 - Place Shaping
- S4 - Maldon and Heybridge Strategic Growth
- S8 - Settlement Boundaries and the Countryside
- D1 - Design Quality and Built Environment
- D2 - Climate Change & Environmental Impact of New Development
- D3 - Conservation and Heritage Assets
- D5 - Flood Risk and Coastal Management
- H1 - Affordable Housing
- H2 - Housing Mix
- H4 - Effective Use of Land
- N1 - Green Infrastructure Network
- N2 - Natural Environment and Biodiversity
- N3 - Open Space, Sport and Leisure
- T1 - Sustainable Transport
- T2 - Accessibility
- I1 - Infrastructure and Services

4.3 **Relevant Planning Guidance / Documents:**

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Maldon District Design Guide SPD (Supplementary Planning Document)
- Maldon District Vehicle Parking Standards SPD
- North Heybridge Garden Suburb Strategic Masterplan Framework (endorsed by Maldon District Council as a material consideration for Development Management purposes in October 2014)
- North Heybridge Garden Suburb Strategic Design Code (endorsed by Maldon District Council as a material consideration for Development Management purposes in March 2017)
- Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Approved Design Parameter plans

5. **MAIN CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 **Principle of Development**

- 5.1.1 Hybrid planning permission (reference 15/00419/OUT) was granted on appeal on 25 October 2019 for the development as described above in section 3.1 of the report.
- 5.1.2 The granting of 15/00419/OUT therefore establishes that the principle of the development of the site is acceptable. These reserved matters application relates to the delivery of the residential element of Phase 2 on the westernmost part of the site, but does not relate with the delivery of the strategic landscaping and infrastructure for this phase, which was previously approved under the terms of application 21/00961/RES.
- 5.1.3 Therefore, the material consideration for this development would be whether the details submitted accord with the details set out in the approved parameter plans, the North Heybridge Garden Suburb Strategic Masterplan Framework, the North Heybridge Garden Suburb Strategic Design Code, and relevant Local Development Plan (LDP) policies.
- 5.1.4 According to the Land Use Parameter Plan (map extract below), approved as part of the hybrid application 15/00419/OUT, two alternative locations have been indicated for the provision of a pre-school facility. One within phase 1 of the development and the second within phase 2. Phase 1 was previously determined and approved (21/00752/RES) without the provision of a pre-school facility. This application, which relates to the residential element of Phase 2, similarly does not propose the provision of a pre-school facility. However, note 1 of the land uses parameter plan states that *“the predominant land use parameter shall not preclude the incorporation of pre-school facility within residential and neighbourhood hub areas”* (figure 1 below). Furthermore, the Masterplan Framework for the North Heybridge Garden Suburb (2014) states that *“The education requirement includes two early years facilities – it is proposed that at least one of the early years/childcare facilities would be accommodated at the local centre, one as part of the primary school site. The co-location is designed to encourage activity at the local centre. The other facility may be provided at the local centre, or it may be located closer to the initial phases of the development, to facilitate early delivery, subject to further detailed consideration of the phasing of the development at the planning application stage”*. It is therefore considered that both the parameter plan and the Masterplan allow some flexibility around the location of the second early years facility. As a result and given that the second early years facility would not be located within Phase 1 or Phase 2, the only alternative location, is to be positioned in the local centre, which forms part of Phase 2a, and to be subject of a separate application for Members’ consideration. However, to ensure that the proposed position of the second early years facility within the local centre would not prejudice the deliverability of the local centre as envisaged and approved at outline stage, an assessment has been carried out to consider the impact on the other early years facility (within the school), the commercial floorspace within the local centre, and the catchment area itself..

5.1.7 Therefore, due to the aforementioned reasons, no objection is raised to the principle of a fully residential development within Phase 2 of the approved development within the North Heybridge Garden Suburb.

5.2 Housing Mix and Affordable housing

5.2.1 The housing mix requirements were set through the imposition of planning conditions and obligations in the Section 106 (S106) agreement of the approved hybrid application 15/00419/OUT.

5.2.2 In accordance with the recently approved Strategic Phasing Plan (under the terms of application 21/05187/DET) an approximate 265 dwellings are expected to be delivered within Phase 2. The current proposal seeks to provide 262 dwellings within parcels 10, 11 and 12, which form the residential element of Phase 2 and therefore, no objection is raised in terms of the number of units proposed within this Phase.

5.2.3 Condition 37 of 15/00419/OUT requires the development to accord with the following housing mix:

- Minimum of 50% of 1 or 2 bedrooms;
- Minimum of 30% of 3 bedrooms; and
- No more than 20% of 4 bedrooms.

5.2.4 Furthermore, a requirement for a minimum of 4% of the overall development to be smaller (one- or two-bedrooms) dwellings that are single storey was set by the imposition of condition 38.

5.2.5 In accordance with the description of the proposed development, 30% of the overall number of dwellings to be provided within the North Heybridge Garden Suburb, should be affordable units. Further requirements in relation to the affordable housing mix and tenure have been agreed through the S106 agreement and the Affordable Housing Delivery Plan. These are further discussed below.

5.2.6 The proposal would provide the following housing mix:

Unit type	Number of bedrooms	Number	Total	Percentage
Market units	One-bedroom	0	33	50.4%
Affordable units	One-bedroom	33		
Market units	Two-bedroom	61	99	
Affordable units	Two-bedroom	38		
Market units	Three-bedroom	74	82	31.3%
Affordable units	Three-bedroom	8		
Market units	Four-bedroom	48	48	18.3%
Affordable units	Four-bedroom	0		

5.2.7 Although the proposed housing mix would not fully accord with the percentage requirement set in condition 37 (set out in paragraph 5.2.3 above), it is noted that the condition applies to the entirety of the development and not to each phase independently. It is noted that weight should be had to the requirements set in condition 37 and although a level of flexibility is afforded to the housing mix provision within each phase, the mix should not materially deviate from those percentages. This is to ensure that the delivery of the first phase would not prejudice the deliverability and quality of development in the following phases. Furthermore, this is to ensure that the development as a whole would accord with the requirements set in the conditions of the original permission (15/00419/OUT).

5.2.8 The proposed development would provide a mix that does not materially depart from the percentages set in condition 37. Although the number of smaller (one- and two-bedroom) units would be higher than 50% (required by condition 37), the deviation would be minimal (0.4%). Taking into account that the recently approved Phase 1 (21/00752/RES) included a lower percentage of one- and two-bedroom dwellings, it is considered that the provision of smaller units as part of Phase 2 would be acceptable and it would even out the reduction. The percentage of three-bedroom dwellings would be marginally higher than required, by 1.3%, which again, is considered a minimal deviation from the housing mix requirements. There would also be a slight under provision of larger (four-bedroom) units (1.7% less than required); however, it is not considered that this reduction would be so significant to warrant refusal of the application in those grounds.

5.2.9 The development, as proposed, would provide 11 one- and two-bedroom bungalows. This is the 4.2% of the proposed houses. Condition 38 requires 4% of the dwellings to be delivered at the site to be bungalows. Therefore, the proposed development would marginally exceed the requirements, which is considered acceptable, taking into account the under provision of bungalows as part of Phase 1.

5.2.10 Pursuant to the S106 agreement, the Council agreed the Affordable Housing Delivery Plan (AHDP) on 5 March 2021, which sets the affordable housing mix criteria for the North Heybridge Garden Suburb. Furthermore, in accordance with the S106 and as agreed as part of the AHDP the tenure split for affordable housing would be 70/30.

5.2.11 The agreed affordable housing mix is summarised in the table below:

Table 5: Draft Affordable Housing Dwelling mix for North Heybridge Garden Suburb based on the % split in the SPD adjusted to reflect the approved tenure split and quantum of bungalows.

		Percentage (No. of units*)	% by unit size	% of Affordable Rented Units and / or Social Rented Housing (No. of units*)	% Intermediate (No. of units*)
1-bedroom	1 – Bedroom (2p)	33.26% (113)	40%	66.66% (76)	33.33% (37)
	1 Bedroom Bungalow (2p)	6.74% (23)		100% (23)	0%
2-bedroom	2-bedroom bungalow (3p)	5.86% (20)	50%	100% (20)	0%
	2-bedroom (4p)	44.28% (151)		71% (107)	29% (44)
3-bedroom	3-bedroom (5p)	10% (34)	10%	38% (13)	62% (21)
	Total	100% (341)		70% (239)	30% (102)

5.2.12 The S106 also includes a requirement for prior agreement of the affordable housing within each phase. The current reserved matters application is accompanied by an Affordable Housing Scheme (AHS) document providing information about the quantum, mix and distribution of affordable housing within phase 1.

5.2.13 The table below is an extract from the submitted AHS including all the documents submitted as part of the proposed affordable housing for this phase.

		PHASE	PHASE 1		PHASE 2	
		PARCEL	Parcels 1 & 2		Parcels 10, 11 & 12	
		TENURE	Affordable housing in Phase 1 (BY NUMBER)	Affordable housing in Phase 1 (BY PERCENTAGE)	Affordable housing in Phase 2 (BY NUMBER)	Affordable housing in Phase 2 (BY PERCENTAGE)
1 bedroom	1 bedroom (2p)	AFF Rent	11	22.9	18	22.78481013
	1 bedroom bungalow	AFF Rent	0	0.0	6	7.594936709
	1 bedroom (2p)	AFF Inter	4	8.3	9	11.39240506
2 bedroom	2 bedroom (4p)	AFF Rent	19	39.6	24	30.37974684
	2 bedroom bungalow (3p)	AFF Rent	0	0.0	5	6.329113924
	2 bedroom (4p)	AFF Inter	9	18.8	9	11.39240506
3 bedroom	3 bedroom (5p)	AFF Rent	3	6.3	3	3.797468354
	3 bedroom (5p)	AFF Inter	2	4.2	5	6.329113924
		AFF TOTAL	48		79	
		AFF RENT	33	68.8	56	70.88607595
		AFF INT	15	31.3	23	29.11392405
		PD	112	70	183	
		TOTAL	160		262	

5.2.14 According to the above table, the development within phase 2 would deliver 79 affordable units, which equates to 30.15% of the total amount of units to be delivered in this phase (262 units). Therefore, the development would provide a quantum of affordable units marginally exceeding the requirement of the approved permission (15/00419/OUT) and the S106 agreement.

5.2.15 In terms of tenure split, the development would marginally deviate from the 70/30 split requirement (70.9%/29.1%). Therefore, the proposed development would provide a marginally higher percentage of social rented accommodation than intermediate. Given that phase 1 was providing a marginally higher percentage of intermediate dwellings, no objection is raised regarding the proposed tenure split.

5.2.16 With regard to the provision of bungalows, it is noted that a total of 12.6% of the overall affordable units to be provided throughout the development are required to be bungalows. The current proposal would provide 11 bungalows, all affordable, which equates to 13.9% of the overall number of affordable units proposed in this phase. Given that phase 1 did not incorporate any affordable bungalows, it is considered that this increased percentage would be acceptable in this instance and it would be able to assist with the delivery of the overall number of bungalows required in the Garden Suburb, when taken as a whole.

5.2.17 In light of the above assessment, it is considered that the dwelling mix, would be, on balance, acceptable and it would not prejudice the deliverability of the future phases of the approved development.

5.3 Design and Impact on the Character of the Area

5.3.1 The planning system promotes high quality development through good inclusive design and layout, and the creation of safe, sustainable, liveable and mixed communities. Good design should be indivisible from good planning. Recognised

principles of good design seek to create a high-quality built environment for all types of development.

- 5.3.2 It should be noted that good design is fundamental to high quality new development and its importance is reflected in the NPPF. The NPPF states that:

“The creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities”.

- 5.3.3 The basis of policy D1 of the approved LDP seeks to ensure that all development will respect and enhance the character and local context. Similar support for high quality design and the appropriate layout, scale and detailing of development is found within the Maldon District Design Guide (MDDG) (2017).

- 5.3.4 The Council envisaged that the South Maldon and North Heybridge Garden Suburbs (NHGS) would be high quality, vibrant and distinctive neighbourhoods that would complement and enrich the character of the Maldon District and protect and enhance the environmental qualities of the area. The development is subject to a Strategic Masterplan Framework and Design Code. The NHGS Strategic Masterplan Framework (NHGS SMF) and the NHGS Strategic Design Code have both been endorsed by the Council as material considerations for Development Management purposes. A number of parameter plans were also approved as part of the hybrid planning application. Those relevant to the current application are Land Use Parameter Plan, the Density Parameter Plan and the Building Heights Parameter Plan.

- 5.3.5 The design codes included within the NHGS Strategic Design Code relate to the main structuring elements, whilst maintaining flexibility for each developer to decide how to bring forward individual plots. These design codes are therefore a material consideration for the assessment of the landscaping and infrastructure elements of the approved development more so than the individual parcels. Nevertheless, the NHGS Strategic Design Code includes guidance in relation to the character areas, car parking and bin storage, which are relevant to the assessment of the submitted development.

- 5.3.6 By reason of the location of parcels 10, 11 and 12, and their proximity to the northern boundary abutting the countryside and the southwestern boundary abutting the woodland edge, the area falls mainly within the village character area. The requirements of this area type is considered below:

- Village Edge: The northern part of the development (parcels 10 and 11) would have to follow the guidelines of the village edge. The built form should be planned to overlook open space positioned in peripheral areas of the site to strengthen the visual relationship between the housing and open space. The street layout should have a less consistent building line than other areas. Additional planting to enhance existing planting, with new trees and shrubs contributing to green space, particularly along pedestrian routes and within parks should be incorporated. Finishing materials would be expected to be of a natural palette, including stone, metal, slate, brick and timber. Use of hedge boundaries, with post and rail fencing and timber gates, to reinforce the rural character common in the surrounding villages are expected to define the edge of the large front gardens.
- Garden Suburb: This relates mainly to the eastern part of parcel 12, along Broad Street Green Road. This is the part of the development that is expected to be more urban in character. The urban form is expected to be

relatively structured with a more formal linear arrangement for housing layouts. Other characteristics would include generally straight streets, tighter urban form, well defined streets enclosed by consistent building lines and strong frontages and greenways with vistas to community destinations and open spaces. In terms of planting, formal wide tree lined avenues are recommended, as well as areas of ornamental planting to reflect the more urban character. Use of a variety of building materials is supported which could include render, brick and timber.

- Woodland Edge: This character area would affect the western part of parcel 12. The urban form in those areas would have to be more natural with less formal streets and a rural influence. The development should be fronting the woodland area, have a soft edge and gradual transition to the wood itself. Natural planting and green space to reflect the woodlands is expected to these areas. Natural materials, such as stone, metal, slate, brick and timber are preferable along those areas. Open space and public realm within this area should build on the woodland character incorporating informal footpaths and timber furniture.

5.3.7 Further guidance in relation to parking and refuse storage is provided within the NHGS Strategic Design Code. The key points that need to be considered are as follows:

- The development should provide sufficient parking in accordance with Maldon VPS.
- Natural surveillance of the parking areas is deemed necessary.
- Whilst on-plot parking is preferable there is flexibility in terms of parking solutions, where this is provided in a form of on-street parking and good natural surveillance can be achieved.
- Courtyard parking should only be used occasionally, where there are flats and should be kept small in size, not exceeding 6 to 8 spaces.
- Refuse storage must be positioned in the most convenient location within the plot
- The refuse storage facility should be capable of minimising the visual intrusion of bins on the street scene
- Bins should be integrated to the front elevations or the front boundary when there is no alternative option.

5.3.8 The proposed development is split into three parcels (parcel 10 – northwestern parcel, parcel 11 – northeastern parcel and parcel 12 – southern parcel). The parcels would be boarded by landscaped areas and traversed by the main spine road. Heybridge Wood is located to the southwest and the open countryside extends to the north of the site, setting a requirement for lower densities and heights, as well as an overall character of the development that reflects the rural and woodland nature its surroundings as set through the approved parameter plans and the endorsed NHGS Strategic Design Code. The area of parcel 12 to the south that is away from Heybridge Wood should reflect a suburban character, of higher density and more structured layout.

5.3.9 According to the residential density parameter plan, the northern parcels 10 and 11 should have a density between 26 and 32 dwellings per hectare, as well as the part of parcel 12 adjacent to Heybridge Wood. The rest of parcel 12 can have a density of 30 to 36 dwellings per hectare. The application is supported by a Density Plan (9029/27 Rev C) demonstrating that the development would accord with the approved densities. In particular, parcel 10 would have a density of 30.7 units per hectare, parcel 11 would have a density of 31.3 dwellings per hectare, the

southwestern part of parcel 12 would be have density of 28.7 dwellings per hectare, whilst the rest of parcel 12 would consist of 29.23 units per hectare. Therefore, the development, as proposed, would fall within the requirements set out within the approved residential densities parameter plan.

- 5.3.10 With regard to building heights, lower heights of no more than two storeys are allowed along the northern boundary of phase 2 (parcels 10 and 11), with taller buildings of up to three storeys in height along the spine road and slightly lower dwellings of up to 2.5 storeys at the southern parcel of parcel 12. The submitted Storey Heights (9029/25 Rev C) plan, shows that the development would accord with the building heights set out in the relevant approved parameter plan. The majority of the site would be occupied by buildings not higher than two storeys. Three storey buildings (apartment blocks) are proposed within parcel 12 on its northern part adjacent to the spine road and eight 2.5 storeys high dwellings along the southern part of parcel 11, close to the spine road. The development would therefore accord with requirements of the building heights parameter plan.
- 5.3.11 As noted above, part of the site (northern part of parcels 10 and 11) is located with the Village Edge character area and the built form should be planned to overlook open space positioned in peripheral areas of the site to strengthen the visual relationship between the housing and open space. This has carefully been considered with all properties fronting the open space at the periphery of each parcel. It is also noted that following discussions the Applicant has taken on board the Conservation Officer's comments and incorporated more traditional-style fenestration on the houses along the northern edge, facing the listed buildings. Furthermore, the dwellings would follow a more organic, and less structured front building line along the northern boundary. It is considered this would enhance the character and appearance of the streetscene when viewed from public vantage points. It would also provide good surveillance of the public open space from the proposed dwellings in line with secure by design principles. The active and attractive street frontages would create a strong sense of place and a visually attractive streetscene. The primarily landscaped front gardens would also support the character of the development transitioning from open landscaped areas to the built form.
- 5.3.12 The dwellings would front the highway and green open space between parcels 10 and 11, and they would be positioned so that sufficient gaps and openness is maintained between them. Furthermore, with the exception of the dwellings fronting the spine road, where the dwellings are positioned following a strong front building line, the rest of the development has a more organic and less structured form. The residential units along the secondary streets and those fronting the footpath and open space similarly follow a less formal building line, which helps provide articulation to the streetscene. It is therefore considered that the layout and grain of the development would follow the guidelines for the Village Edge character area and respect the rural nature of the surrounding area. Furthermore, the provision of a strong front building line along the spine road would be appropriate to create sense of identity for the garden suburb. Given that the buildings would be set back from the highway, with sufficient space in front of them allowing for landscaping, it is not considered that they would appear prominent, obtrusive or cramped within the public realm.
- 5.3.13 With regard to parcel 12, it would be partially located within the woodland edge character area. The build form along the western boundary of this parcel represents a natural, less formal built form. The dwellings would maintain wide gaps between them and also present a more organic front building line, with deeper landscaped front gardens providing a gradual transition to the wood itself. The dwellings would be fronting onto the woodland and the footway / cycleway, increasing surveillance of

the public open space, the woods and the footpath. This orientation would also assist in providing a visually interesting streetscene when viewed from public vantage points, in accordance with the requirements of this character area. Although a block of flats is proposed on the northwestern part of this section of buildings, it is noted that this part of the development is primarily read as part of the streetscene fronting the spine road than the woodland. Furthermore, a visually acceptable transition has been achieved between the block of flats and the neighbouring dwellings to the south. Consideration has been given to building heights hierarchy, as well as to the overall mass, form and appearance of the building. The height of the apartment block is reduced to two-storeys adjacent to the dwellings to the south, its overall frontage width and mass are broken down due to the staggered elements, which provide articulation to the building and west elevation of the building has been treated as a principal rather than a flank elevation, incorporating several architectural features.

- 5.3.14 The rest of parcel 12 is located the garden suburb character area. The layout and built pattern of this part of parcel 12 represents a more urban character, providing a relatively structured and more formal linear arrangement of the housing layouts. The majority of the dwellings along the secondary roads within the parcel follow a strong front building line, with narrower front gardens. The proposed streets, unlike the woodland edge are more straight and well defined. Overall, it is considered that the layout of this part of parcel 12 would reflect the character of this character area.
- 5.3.15 The proposed residential units would have plot sizes and frontage widths that are of similar size with those recently constructed to the southeast of parcel 12, within the allocated site, known as S2(f). Therefore, it is not considered that the proposed development would be out of keeping with the built pattern of the adjacent residential areas.
- 5.3.16 The development would involve blocks of flats with courtyard parking. These are located on the southern parcel of the application site along the spine road. The guidance contained in the NHGS Strategic Design Code suggests that courtyard parking should only be used occasionally, where there are flats and should be kept small in size, not exceeding 6 to 8 spaces. It should be noted that following amendments to the parking proposals, the amount of parking spaces provided within the courtyards has been materially reduced. Furthermore, the parking court of the apartment on the northwestern boundary of parcel 12 has been split into two car parking areas, separated with a 1.8 metres high wall and landscaping. This has requested by officers to reduce the size of the hardsurfaced area, as well as manage the vehicle movement next to the communal amenity space. Although this element of the development would not be highly visible from the streetscene, it was considered necessary that landscaping is introduced to soften the appearance of the development.
- 5.3.17 Parking provision for two apartment blocks on the northwestern part of parcel 12 would be again in a form of a parking court. Although a high number of parking spaces are proposed to serve the two blocks, this element of the development would not be highly visible from the streetscene and also the layout of the parking court is such that, no more than 7 parking spaces would be located in a row. Furthermore, landscaping is to be introduced within the parking court to soften the appearance of the development.
- 5.3.18 For the majority of the development parking is provided on plot and adjacent to the residential units. However, there are limited exceptions where parking is proposed perpendicular with the highway. Following several revisions of the originally submitted scheme there are only four areas where perpendicular parking is

proposed. Of these parking areas, there is one that results in a larger amount of perpendicular parking spaces, serving units on plots 198 to 204. On balance however, and taking into account the hard and soft landscaping proposed in this section of the development, no objection is considered reasonable to be sustained to this arrangement.

- 5.3.19 It should be noted that during the application process concerns were raised regarding the layout, scale and position of the block of flats. Following significant amendments, the development now proposes the erection of three apartment blocks, in which the originally submitted size, mass and form, has been significantly reduced, from the original submission. The larger block of flats is located on the northeast corner of parcel 12 and this would accommodate 13 units. Although this would be a large block of flats, it is considered that careful consideration has been given to provide articulation to the building and also reduce its height adjacent to the nearby proposed two-storey dwellings to allow a more visually comfortable transition between the building forms. The higher element of the development would be located on the northeastern corner of the L-shaped building, away from the nearby two-storey units. This is to create a focal point at the entrance of the site, which is considered acceptable. By reasons of the above, it is considered that the proposed flats would not appear overly dominant or visually obtrusive and due to the proposed balconies, recessed sections of the building and variation in the finishing materials, it would not result in a continuous flank elevations that are lacking articulation and architectural merit.
- 5.3.20 The two other flats on the western part of this parcel, adjacent to the spine road, would be smaller in scale, but they would create a bookend appearance to this section of the spine road. These blocks have also been amended during the process of the application. Similar to the block of flats to the northeast, these blocks would incorporate their tallest, three-storey, elements centrally and would drop down to two-storey adjacent to the dwellings to the east and south. This would achieve a better transition to the lower and smaller residential buildings and it would avoid an unacceptable juxtapositions of the ridge heights. Furthermore, the buildings would include architectural features, such as balconies, full-height fenestration, projecting and recessed elements and different materials. This is considered appropriate providing a level of visual interest on all elevations visible from public vantage points. Therefore, no objection is raised to this element of the proposed development in design terms.
- 5.3.21 The proposed development involves 32 different types of residential units, as described in section 3.1 of the report, including detached, semi-detached and terraced dwellings, blocks of flats, bungalows, two-storey, two-and-half storey and three-storey buildings and a variety of designs and forms. Although the development would introduce a variety of dwelling types, there is a prevailing character for gable end roofs and a level of uniformity in terms of the detailing, including contemporary features, such as large sized casement fenestration, flat roof glazed canopies over the entrance doors, simple gabled projecting features and balconies in the blocks of flats. This is with the exception of the buildings along the northern boundary of parcels 10 and 12 which incorporate a more traditional style of fenestration. This design approach is considered appropriate given that these buildings are particularly visible from the listed buildings (grade II listed Poplar Grove Farmhouse, the stable to the west of Poplar Grove Farmhouse, and a cartlodge to the west of Poplar Grove Farmhouse), and the sensitivity of the relationship with the heritage assists. Having regard to these considerations, it is considered that the proposed development would demonstrate the appropriate level of architectural merit through taking design cues from the nearby residential development to the south (S2(f) allocated site) and advice from the Listed Building and Conservation Officer.

- 5.3.22 It is also positive that a variety of dwelling types have been introduced, as this would add interest to the streetscene. A good level of fenestration has been used to all dwellings and following amendments, additional detailing such as bay windows have been introduced to the side elevations of dwellings that are adjacent to and visible from the highway.
- 5.3.23 In terms of eaves and ridge heights, it is noted that overall a level of consistency throughout the scheme has been maintained. Although there are examples of buildings of different ridge and/or eaves heights that are located in close proximity, it is noted that the differences in the heights are not significant and would not be readily visible from a pedestrian perspective. Furthermore, it is noted that amendments have been incorporated in areas where the height variation was significant and considered to be resulting in an unacceptable juxtaposition in the ridge heights. Furthermore, as noted above, the building height hierarchy has been considered and a gradual transition from the taller elements of the apartment blocks to the nearest neighbouring dwellings lower in height dwellings has been achieved. Moreover, similar building relationships have been accepted previously within the garden suburbs and therefore, it is considered that it would have been unreasonable to raise an objection at this stage for this residential development.
- 5.3.24 Policy H2 of the LDP requires the design and appearance of the affordable housing to be indistinguishable from those built for the open market. Affordable housing should also be mixed with market housing to support mixed and vibrant communities. It is positive that affordable units would be located in various areas within the scheme and not clustered in one area. Furthermore, similar types of housing have been used as market and affordable units. Overall, although some of the affordable units would have slightly less articulation on some dwelling types, they would still benefit from an acceptable design of fenestration and detailing, including finishing materials being the same as the market housing. The affordable units would have outlook and aspect to public open space and therefore they would conform with the requirements of the LDP and the MDDG SPD.
- 5.3.25 The proposed garages would complement the design of the residential units and their finishing material would match those of the proposed dwellings. The proposed garage doors would have detailing that would assist in making the development visually attractive. As noted above, car barns and pergolas would be constructed in areas where perpendicular parking is proposed in order to provide architectural interest and break the continuity of hard standing.
- 5.3.26 Materials to be used on the external elevations of the residential units would include red and cream brickwork, elements of grey and black weatherboarding, slate effect and clay effect roof tiles. According to the guidance contained in the NHGS Strategic Design Code, housing within Village Edge and Woodland Edge character areas are expected to be finished in natural palette of materials, including slate, brick and timber. Use of a variety of building materials including render, brick and timber are also expected in the Garden Suburb area. Although the proposed finishing materials would not be natural, as set out in the above documents, they would be of a natural effect and, subject to submission of the proposed materials, it is considered that the appearance of the buildings would reflect the character areas and would largely accord with the requirements of the endorsed NHGS Strategic Design Code. The variety of materials would increase visual interest.
- 5.3.27 In terms of boundary treatment, the rear gardens would be boarded with traditional close boarded fence. However, any boundaries abutting the highway, or the public open space would be finished in red brick to match the finishing materials of the adjacent residential units. Knee-high timber rail would be installed to separate the

parcels and the designated open space. Sentry metal railings would be installed on the boundaries with the central spine road and timber bollards are proposed to define boundaries between the parcels and the strategic landscaping.

5.3.28 In light of the above, it is considered that the development, as it has been revised, would accord with the approved parameter plans and the guidance contained within the NHGS Strategic Design Code regarding character areas. The development would also follow the good design principles set out in the Maldon District design SPD. Overall, it is considered that the layout, mass, height, form, design and appearance of the development would be acceptable and would be a good representation of the Village Edge character that is aimed for this section of the North Heybridge Garden Suburb.

5.4 Impact on Residential Amenity

5.4.1 The basis of policy D1 of the approved LDP seeks to ensure that development will protect the amenity of its surrounding areas taking into account privacy, overlooking, outlook, noise, smell, light, visual impact, pollution, daylight and sunlight. This is supported by section C07 of the MDDG (2017).

5.4.2 The proposed development, by its very nature understandably, would result in a significant increase in levels of activity. However, the site forms part of the largest of the three sites allocated for development in the NHGS (S2(d) allocated site) and therefore, the resultant impact, in terms of noise, activity, position and built form, has, in principle been appraised and agreed subject to detailed design through the reserved matters applications.

5.4.3 The proposed development would be sited approximately a minimum of 18 metres away from the northern boundary of the recently erected residential estate to the south within allocated site S2(f). Further distances are maintained to the nearest residential properties within this estate. This separation distance is sufficient to prevent overlooking of sensitive areas, overshadowing or any overbearing impacts from the proposed development. All other residential properties are sited further away and therefore, no objection is raised in terms of the impact of the development on residential amenity.

5.4.4 With regard to the interrelationship of the proposed residential units, consideration has been given to the orientation of the buildings, in order to avoid overbearing and overshadowing impacts. Back-to-back distances are over 20 metres and therefore, no concerns are raised in terms of overlooking for those properties backing onto each other. There are examples where dwellings are positioned at an angle; however, it appears that a minimum of 10 metres separation distance is maintained between the rear elevation of one dwelling and the direct outdoor amenity area of the other. This separation distance is considered sufficient to prevent from direct or indirect overlooking.

5.4.5 With regard to the interrelationship of the blocks of flats and their neighbouring residential dwellings, it is considered that a good level of separation distance would be maintained between them to prevent from overlooking, overshadowing or overbearing impact. The minimum separation distance between a three storey element and the neighbouring rear garden would be approximately 17 metres and this is considered sufficient to prevent from direct or indirect overlooking. No objection is therefore raised in that respect.

5.4.6 For those properties that have a back to flank wall relationship, consideration should be had on the introduction of first floor windows on the side elevations. A condition

will be imposed for those first floor windows on the flank elevations to be glazed in obscure glass and to be fixed shut.

5.4.7 The majority of the garages are positioned back from the front building line of the dwellings. Although in some cases, due to their orientation, they would result in a level of loss of light to the adjacent dwellings, taking into consideration their single storey nature, on balance, it is not considered that this loss of light would be detrimental to warrant refusal of the application on those grounds.

5.4.8 Having regard to the above, it is not considered that the development would have a detrimental impact in terms of residential amenity and subject to conditions the interrelationship of the proposed residential dwellings would be acceptable.

5.5 Access, Parking and Highway Safety

5.5.1 Policy T2 aims to create and maintain an accessible environment, requiring development proposals, inter alia, to provide sufficient parking facilities having regard to the Council's adopted parking standards. Similarly, policy D1 of the approved LDP seeks to include safe and secure vehicle and cycle parking having regard to the Council's adopted parking standards and maximise connectivity within the development and to the surrounding areas including the provision of high quality and safe pedestrian, cycle and, where appropriate, horse riding routes

5.5.2 Paragraph 111 of the NPPF states that *"Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe."*

5.5.3 Parking

5.5.3.1 In terms of off-street parking provision for new dwellings, the VPS SPD, requires the following:

- 1 parking space per one-bedroom dwelling
- 2 parking spaces per two and three-bedroom dwellings
- 3 parking spaces per four+ bedroom dwellings
- For housing developments of more than 10 units 1 visitor parking should be provided per four dwellings

5.5.3.2 The proposed development would provide a total of 604 parking spaces, including visitor parking spaces. All one-bedroom properties will be served with one parking space, two and three-bedroom properties would be served by two parking spaces and there would be provision of three parking spaces for four-bedroom properties. Furthermore, 66 visitor parking spaces are proposed to be provided throughout the scheme. The parking bays and garages would comply with the minimum parking bay and garage sizes as set out in the VPS SPD (2.9m x 5.5m and 3m x 7m respectively). For the bungalows that have been designed to accord with M4(3b) disabled used dwellings standards, parking spaces that are accessible to disabled people are provided. These include a 1.2 metres zone around the parking bays for ease access and egress from the vehicle. The development would therefore be fully compliant with the requirements of the VPS SPD and it would provide sufficient parking provision.

5.5.3.3 In accordance with the VPS SPD, an external fast charging point shall be provided adjacent to at least one parking space for each new dwelling. For communal residential parking areas, one charging point is required for every 20 spaces (5%). Where the parking spaces are allocated to individual dwellings, the charging point(s)

can be provided on unallocated visitor parking spaces within the development. The submitted 'Car Charging Strategy Plan' demonstrates that these standards will be exceeded. The development would provide more than 5% of EV charging points at parking areas served by communal parking and there would be passive EVCP near visitor parking bays for future installation of EVCP in needed. All dwellings would be served by one EVCP.

5.5.3.4 In terms of cycle parking, it is noted that it would either be provided with the proposed garages, communal cycle parking spaces or sheds that are proposed to be installed to all dwellings. For the apartment blocks, parking would be provided in save and easily accessible locations at ground floor within the blocks. For the dwellings, cycle parking would either be provided within the garages or within sheds. It is considered that the development would provide sufficient cycle parking and it would promote alternative and sustainable modes of transport alternative to private vehicles.

5.5.4 Access and highway safety

5.5.4.1 There would be one access point to the two northern parcels and two for the southern parcels, all taken off the spine road. The Highway Authority has raised no objection from a highway and transportation perspective. On that basis, no objection is raised to the proposed access in terms of highway safety or highway network.

5.5.5 Pedestrian and Cycle Access

5.5.5.1 It is noted that the main pedestrian and cycle network is provided in the periphery of the site, as required by the Access and Movement Parameter Plan. However, linkages are provided within the site to connect with the pedestrian and cycle routes of the approved development. Therefore, no objection is raised in that respect.

5.6 **Private Amenity Space and Living Conditions**

5.6.1 With regard to the size of amenity spaces, the Council has adopted the MDDG as a supplementary guidance to support its policies in assessing applications for residential schemes. The guidance indicates that dwellings that have three or more bedrooms should be served with a minimum of 100sqm outdoor amenity area, whilst smaller one- and two-bedroom units could be served by 50sqm. For flats, the requirement would be a minimum of 25sqm. Policy D1 of the LDP indicates the need for amenity space in new development and that the spaces provided must be useable.

5.6.2 With regard to amenity space provision, it is noted that all three- and four-bedroom properties would have gardens larger than 100sqm. One- and two-bedroom dwellings would have gardens larger than 50sqm. This is with the exception of the two-bedroom dwellings on plot numbers 9 and 163, where gardens are marginally under 50 sqm (49.6sqm and 49.2sqm respectively). Apartment block 1 would be served by 213.4sqm of amenity space and an additional 197.2sqm of landscaped area to the west next to the woodland area. This apartment block would provide accommodation to eight residential units. Apartment block 2, which accommodates units, would have access to amenity area measuring 193sqm and the apartment block on the northeast part of parcel 12, which accommodates 13 units, would be served by a private amenity area of 282.7sqm and an additional landscaped area to the front measuring 126.2sqm. The development would therefore largely comply with the requirements set out in the MDDG SPD. The reduced amenity space for the two two-bedroom units would be minimal to not justify refusal of the application of those grounds. Furthermore, although part of the amenity space for the northeastern block of flats would be provided to the front of the building, it is considered that by reason

of its size and proposed landscaping, it would be able to provide usable amenity space for the future occupiers.

- 5.6.3 The residential units will be served by windows which would provide adequate light, outlook and ventilation to all habitable rooms. Furthermore, a good level of accommodation would be provided for the future occupiers. For those occupiers of the ground floor units within the blocks of flats adjacent to the communal amenity space, particular attention would need to be applied to ensure an acceptable level of protection against loss of amenity, in terms of loss of privacy and to ensure adequate security, is in place. It is considered that a proposal combination of hard and/or soft landscaping could be introduced around those ground floor units to separate them from the rest of the communal area. This can be secured by the imposition of an appropriately worded condition. Subject to the imposition of this condition, it is considered that the development would provide an acceptable quality of living environment for future occupiers.
- 5.6.4 Part of the proposed development would be located in close proximity to the relief road and therefore, close to a source of noise. Although noise attenuation has been considered and found acceptable as part of the Reserved Matters application assessing the landscaping strategy and infrastructure for phase 1 (Reference number: 21/00961/RES), consideration should be had to the noise impact to the units adjacent to the relief road (units 77-82, 59-67, 42-46, 26-30, 12-15, 1-3 and 7-9). Section 7 of the Noise Assessment submitted with application 21/00961/RES relates to the residual mitigation required for the dwellings along the northern boundary of phase 1. This requires all dwellings to be provided with thermal double glazing and alternative means of ventilation (trickle vents), to ensure that a minimum sound insulation is maintained. It is recommended that sound insulation for the external fabric of the buildings, including alternative means of ventilation compliant with Approval Document F of the Building Regulations 2010(as amended) are considered. Whilst compliance with the Noise Assessment was secured through condition of the approved application 21/00961/RES, given that section 7 relates to mitigation relevant to the residential element of phase 2 and 4, it is considered reasonable that this is secured by condition under the terms of this application, to ensure quality of life of the future occupiers of those units.

5.7 Impact on ecology existing vegetation, biodiversity and landscaping

- 5.7.1 The application site does not fall within or in close proximity to nature conservation sites. However, policy N2 of the LDP states that *“All development should seek to deliver net biodiversity and geodiversity gain where possible. Any development which could have an adverse effect on sites with designated features, priority habitats and / or protected or priority species, either individually or cumulatively, will require an assessment as required by the relevant legislation or national planning guidance”*. Conservation and enhancement of the natural environment is also a requirement of the NPPF.
- 5.7.2 The application is supported by an Arboricultural Implications Report and Tree Protection Plan. The Tree Consultant has advised that the Arboricultural impact assessment identifies the trees that could be impacted and suitable protection measures to be implemented. No objection is raised to the Oak T41 being removed, this is effectively a large stump and it will not impact on wider public amenity. It is considered that new landscaping would be able to compensate for this. Where excavation work in the outer RPA (Root Protection Area) of T39 is required, it is agreed that this is unlikely to have any detrimental impact on the tree, as long as the protection measures outlined in the report are followed. The trees can sufficiently be protected and worked around if the tree protection method statement is adhered to.

Timings of supervision visits will need to be set as outlined in the report. It is therefore considered that, subject to the imposition of a condition securing the protection of the trees in accordance with the submitted Arboricultural Implications Report, the development would not adversely impact on existing trees and effectively on visual amenity.

5.7.3 The application is also supported by a Landscape illustrative Master Plan, a Landscape Design and Access Chapter, a Landscape Maintenance Plan, as well as Planting Plans and a Planting Strategy Plan, which provides details regarding the proposed landscaping. The development, as shown on the submitted plans would include a variety of trees, hedges, ornamental planting, wildflower seeds planting and grass. The details of the hardworks are also included in the submitted plans and documents.

5.7.4 The Landscape Design and Access Chapter identifies the soft landscaping strategy. It is stated that *“Planting to the residential areas would follow key design principles:*

- *Architectural planting to frame key entrances around the site, including transition into areas of shared surface*
- *Defensible planting to front gardens, including hedge planting along primary road*
- *Ornamental tree planting along secondary route*
- *Ornamental plant species to some front gardens and along key pedestrian routes*
- *Areas of shared surface to be softened with planting”*

5.7.5 To support ecological enhancement, the development would consider a planting palette and integrated ecological features, including the following:

- *Species-rich plant palette*
- *Nectar-rich species*
- *Bird boxes*
- *Bug hotels*
- *Hedgehog-friendly gravel boards*
- *Sensory plants*

5.7.6 The submitted maintenance plan includes information in relation to maintenance of both soft and hard landscaping. For trees it is advised that after completion the Landscape Contractor appointed shall supply all necessary hose attachments and fittings to keep the plants watered. Replacement of failed or severely damaged trees as specified, subject to investigation and measures would be required to avoid subsequent failure / damage. Other maintenance requirements would include the following:

- Pest / Disease management
- Carry out formative pruning, removal of deadwood and repair work as necessary.
- The Contractor should check on a two monthly basis the condition of Tree Stakes and Guys.
- When removing branches, remove inward growing, crossing, rubbing, dead and damaged branches.
- Formative Pruning of young trees

- 5.7.7 Maintenance including watering, pruning and replacement applies to all soft landscaping proposed throughout the site.
- 5.7.8 It should be noted that ecological management in relation to phase 2 of the approved development, has already been considered and details have been agreed, either as part of discharge of conditions applications (conditions 7(g) – Construction Ecological Management Plan and condition 13 - Ecological conservation management plan) or as part of the approved application 21/00961/RES, relating to the approval of the strategic landscaping and infrastructure for phase 2. Therefore, these matters have been previously assessed and found acceptable. A condition to ensure that the development is implemented in accordance with the details included within the Construction and Ecological Management Plan and associated documents submitted in relation to phase 2 will be imposed.
- 5.7.9 With regard to the proposed landscaping, the application is supported by Planting Plans, specifying the type, size and position of the proposed landscaping. The proposal would incorporate native species and a good level of landscaping to soften the appearance of the proposed development. Following discussions with the applicant enhanced landscaping has been introduced along the footpath traversing the parcel 12 to improve experience of the users and visual amenity. Significant amount of landscaping is also proposed in the parking courts and apartment block, which was considered necessary in order to break down the continuity of hardstanding and also soften the appearance of the larger buildings within the scheme.
- 5.7.10 The Tree Consultant has not raised an objection in relation to the proposed landscaping scheme and therefore, it is considered that the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of its impact on existing trees, habitats and species and the submitted Landscape illustrative Master Plan, a Landscape Design and Access Chapter, a Landscape Maintenance Plan, as well as Planting Plans will ensure enhanced visual amenity and that the existing and proposed planning will be managed appropriately.

5.8 Other Matters

5.8.1 Surface Water and Foul Drainage

- 5.8.1.1 Policy D5 of the LDP sets out the Council's approach to minimising flood risk. Policy S1 requires that new development is either located away from high-risk flood areas or is safe and flood resilient when it is not possible to avoid such areas.
- 5.8.1.2 The current application relates to the approval of the reserved matters relevant to the residential parcels of phase 2. The details of the strategic landscaping and infrastructure relating to size, location and gradients of the surface water attenuation basins and drainage network within this phase of the development were approved as part of application 21/00961/RES. The technical details of the surface water drainage scheme have been dealt with through condition 9 of the original hybrid consent (22/05058/DET) and the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has found the details acceptable.
- 5.8.1.3 It is noted that the overall drainage strategy was approved as part of the hybrid application 15/00419/OUT, which was allowed on appeal. The Inspector found that the surface water drainage was in full compliance with the development plan. The agreed drainage strategy was that due to the relatively shallow ground water, infiltration drainage techniques will not be utilised on the site. However, other SuDS techniques will be used, which will follow the SuDS train submitted as part of the

Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) to 15/00419/OUT, consisting of a mixture of rainwater butts, permeable paving to private driveways, swales, ponds and detention basins. Water will be collected, treated and attenuated in a SuDS train prior to outfalling into the existing water courses at the 1 in 1 year Greenfield runoff rates up to and including the 1 in 100 plus 40% climate change rainfall storm event.

5.8.1.4 It is confirmed that there is a series of attenuation basins in the periphery of both parcels that form part of the measures to manage surface water on the site. Swales are also incorporated to manage surface water. The Applicant has advised that permeable paving to shared driveway and visitor parking bays would also be introduced as another surface water treatment.

5.8.1.5 Although initial concerns were raised by the LLFA in relation to the modelling outputs submitted with the application, following revisions the objection has been lifted and the LLFA advised that having reviewed the Flood Risk Assessment and the associated documents which accompanied the planning application, they do not object to the granting of planning permission subject to the site drainage infrastructure be constructed in accordance with the Drainage Strategy Report by Richard Jackson, consultants, dated March 2022.

5.8.1.6 With regard to foul drainage, it is noted that this is secured through condition 16 of the approved hybrid application (15/00419/OUT), which requires the submission of details of the foul water drainage for all proposed buildings prior to their erection above foundation level. Although initial concerns were raised by Anglian Water regarding the foul drainage strategy submitted with the application, which was considered not adequately addressing the public foul sewerage, following revisions a new consultation response has been received by the Anglian Water they can confirm that the foul drainage strategy is acceptable to Anglian Water as it is in line with the strategic site drainage strategy.

5.8.1.7 In light of the above, no objection is raised in relation to surface water or foul drainage.

5.8.2 Waste Management

5.8.2.1 The application is supported by a Refuse Collection Plan. Although the Council's Waste Management Team has not responded in relation to the proposed refuse collection, it is noted that consideration has been given to the provision of collection points not beyond the maximum 25 metres travel distance for carrying refuse sacks to access waste collection points. For the majority of the site refuse will be collected in front of the residential units or from the designated refuse points for the proposed blocks of flats. There are a limited number of dwellings that would need to carry their refuse to a collection point; however, that would be within the maximum distance from any dwelling and therefore, is considered to be acceptable.

5.8.3 Permitted Development Rights (PDR)

5.8.3.1 Given the size of the plots and their interrelationship, any alterations / extensions to the dwellings as a result of exercising PDR may result in unacceptable design changes (i.e. in case of installation of large sized dormers on elevations not facing the highway, but visible from public vantage points), impact on the living conditions of the future occupiers (i.e. in case the rear amenity space would be significantly reduced by a rear extension) or impact on the neighbouring occupiers (i.e. via the installation of dormer windows that result in overlooking or rear extensions that impact on light and outlook). For these reasons it is considered reasonable that PDR for the proposed dwellinghouses are removed for classes A, B, C, D and E and any

proposed changes be subject of a planning application in order for the Council to consider any potential impacts.

6. ANY RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

6.1 The relevant planning history is set out below:

- **15/00419/OUT** – Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including:
 - (i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% as affordable housing (Outline)
 - (ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline)
 - (iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a and/or D1b) (Outline)
 - (iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline)
 - (v) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (Detailed element)
 - (vi) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline);
 - (vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and
 - (viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline).Refused - 08.03.2019 – Allowed on Appeal – 25.10.2019.
- **19/00741/OUT** - Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including:
 - (i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% as affordable housing (Outline)
 - (ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline)
 - (iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a and/or D1b) (Outline)
 - (iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline)
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 - (vi) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline);
 - (vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and
 - (viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline).Approved - 14.10.2019.
- **20/05035/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification of approved application 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 12 - Strategic management and maintenance plan. Cleared - 11.05.2020.
- **20/05039/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT allowed on appeal APP/X1545/W/19/3230267 (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 11 - Strategic Phasing Plan – Cleared - 15.05.2020

- **21/00321/NMA** - Application for non-material amendment following grant of Planning Permission 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Amendment sought: Amendment to Condition 31 – Approved - 29.04.2021.
- **21/00538/NMA** - Application for non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Amendment sought: Condition 9 – Approved - 09.06.2021.
- **21/05031/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development Condition 13 - Ecological conservation management plan. Condition 7 - Construction & environmental management plan. Cleared - 01.04.2021.
- **21/05054/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 8 – Archaeology – Cleared - 18.05.2021.
- **21/05107/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 14 - Contaminated land. – Cleared - 18.08.2021.
- **21/00384/RES** - Reserved matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale covering details of strategic landscaping and infrastructure for Phase 1 comprising;
 - (a) landscaping for the approved Relief Road,
 - (b) phase 1 entrance green,
 - (c) phase 1 spine road,
 - (d) green corridors, strategic open space and levels for Phase 1 (including Local Equipped Area of Play)
 - (e) acoustic bund for phase 1

Together with details of a network of pedestrian and cycle routes in relation to Phase 1 pursuant to condition 28 of approved planning application 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including:

- (i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% as affordable housing (Outline)
- (ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline)
- (iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a and/or D1b) (Outline)
- (iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline)
- (v) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (Detailed element)
- (vi) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline);
- (vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and
- (viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline).

Approved - 08.10.2021.

- **21/05113/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 9 - Drainage details – Cleared – 02.09.2021.
- **21/05121/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT allowed on appeal APP/X1545/W/19/3230267 (Part outline/part detailed

(hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 10 - Drainage management – Cleared – 05.11.2021.

- **21/05125/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 9 - Drainage details – pending consideration.
- **21/05129/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 18 - Tree protection – Cleared – 18.11.2021.
- **21/05134/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 7 - Construction management plan. – Cleared - 22.10.2021.
- **21/05135/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 15 - Broadband. – Cleared - 11.01.2022.
- **21/05147/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 8 - Archaeological assessment. – Cleared - 09.11.2021.
- **21/05162/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 13 - Ecological Conservation Management Plan ECMP in relation to Phase 2 of the development only. – Cleared - 29.11.2021.
- **21/05185/DET** – Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 17 - Utilities and arboricultural implications – Cleared - 13.01.2022.
- **21/05187/DET** – Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 11 - Strategic phasing plan – Cleared - 14.01.2022.
- **21/00961/RES** – Reserved Matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale covering the details of strategic landscaping and infrastructure for Phase 2 and part of Phase 4 of the approved planning application (15/00419/OUT) comprising:
 - (i) The landscaping surrounding the eastern section of the Relief Road, and Broad Street Green Roundabout;
 - (ii) The internal spine road, from Broad Street Green Road to the north-eastern corner of Heybridge Wood (including bus stops);
 - (iii) The green corridors that surround Parcels 10, 11 and 12;
 - (iv) The second phase of the acoustic barrier;
 - (v) The play area (LEAP) that lies south of Parcel 12;
 - (vi) The internal road and associated attenuation basins to the north of Parcel 8 that serves the Local Centre;
 - (vii) The proposed pumping station;
 - (viii) Pedestrian and cycle links falling within this phase of the development.

Together with details pursuant to Condition 18 (tree protection), Condition 19 (acoustic barrier), Condition 27 (bus stops) and Condition 28 (footpaths and cycle routes) of the approved planning application 15/00419/OUT. Approved

- **21/00752/RES** – Reserved matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for the construction of 160 residential units with associated access, parking, servicing and landscaping (Phase 1 only) on approved application 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including:
 - (i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% as affordable housing (Outline)

- (ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline)
- (iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a and/or D1b) (Outline)
- (iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline)
- (iv) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (Detailed element)
- (v) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline)
- (vi) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and
- (vii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline.)

Pending consideration.

- **22/05005/DET** – Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 7 - Construction Environmental Management Plan (Part (g) in relation to Phase 2) – Cleared – 29.06.2022.
- **22/05109/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 17 - Details of position of excavation trenches and means of installation for all services in relation to retained trees – Pending consideration.
- **22/05014/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 17 - Utilities and arboricultural implications – cleared – 29.06.2022
- **22/05021/DET**- Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 31 - Landscaping scheme – Cleared – 01.08.2022.
- **22/05054/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 31 - Landscaping scheme – Pending consideration.
- **22/05058/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 9 - Surface water drainage scheme (Revised 06/05/22) – Cleared – 14.10.2022.
- **22/05061/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 8 - Archaeology (Addendum to the approved Written Scheme of Investigation) – Pending consideration.
- **22/05075/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 9 - Drainage details (Phases 3-5) – Pending consideration.
- **22/05076/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 16 - Foul drainage details (Phases 1,2,3 and 4 (Drainage phases 1 and 2)) – Pending consideration.
- **22/05081/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 13 - in respect of Phases 3-5 of the approved phasing plan (and which therefore completes the discharge of Condition 13, following the

previous approvals for Phases 1 and 2) - Ecological Conservation Management Plan dated 08/08/22, Heybridge North Badger Technical Survey Note (updated 05/08/22), Heybridge North Bat Technical Survey Note (updated 05/08/22) – Pending consideration.

- **22/05082/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 6 - Hard and soft landscaping for communal gardens. Condition 7 - Provision and retention of soft landscaping – Pending consideration.
- **22/05095/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 9 - Drainage Details – Pending consideration.
- **22/05101/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - condition 4 – Materials – Pending consideration.
- **22/05108/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - condition 7 - Construction Method Statement – Pending consideration.
- **22/05110/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 19 - Acoustic barrier details– Pending consideration.
- **22/05113/DET** - Compliance with conditions notification 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development - Condition 7 - Construction and Environmental Management Plan – Pending consideration.

7. **CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

7.1 **Representations received from Parish / Town Councils**

Name of Parish / Town Council	Comment	Officer Response
Great Totham Parish Council	No objection. As this is a very detailed and technical application the Parish Council relies on the Planning Officers to make sure that it complies with the outline conditions and planning policy.	Noted.

7.2 **Statutory Consultees and Other Organisations (summarised)**

Name of Statutory Consultee / Other Organisation	Comment	Officer Response
Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)	Having reviewed the Landscape Strategy and the associated documents which accompanied the planning application, the LLFA do not object to the granting of this Reserve Matter application reference, subject to the site	Comments noted and addressed in section 5.8 of the report. Suggested condition has been imposed.

Name of Statutory Consultee / Other Organisation	Comment	Officer Response
	drainage constructed in accordance with the Drainage Strategy Report by Richard Jackson, consultants, dated March 2022.	
Anglian Water	The foul drainage strategy is acceptable to Anglian Water.	Noted.
Natural England	No comments.	Noted.
Highway Authority	From a highway and transportation perspective the Highway Authority has no comments to make on this proposal as it is not contrary to the Highway Authority's Development Management Policies.	Comments noted and addressed in section 5.5 of the report.
Sports England	The proposed development does not fall within either the statutory remit or non-statutory remit of Sports England; therefore Sport England has not provided a detailed response in this case.	Noted.
Tree Consultant	<p>The Arboricultural impact assessment identifies the trees that could be impacted and suitable protection measures to be implemented.</p> <p>There is no objection to the Oak T41 being removed, this is effectively a large stump and I agree will not impact on wider public amenity. New landscaping will compensate for this.</p> <p>Where excavation work in the outer RPA (Root Protection Area) of T39 is required, it is agreed this is unlikely to have any detrimental impact on the tree, as long as the protection measures outlined in the report are followed.</p> <p>The trees can sufficiently be protected and worked around if the tree protection method statement is adhered to. Timings of supervision visits will need to be set as outlined</p>	Comments noted and discussed in section 5.7 of the report.

Name of Statutory Consultee / Other Organisation	Comment	Officer Response
	in the report, but this can be addressed at a pre commencement meeting.	
Essex County Fire and Rescue Services	No objection. The Access for Fire Service is satisfactory. Advice in relation to new roads and surfaces, building regulations, water supplies and sprinkler systems are provided within their response for the Applicant's information.	Comments noted.

7.3 Internal Consultees (*summarised*)

Name of internal Consultee	Comment	Officer Response
Environmental Health Specialist	No objection.	Comment noted.
Housing specialist	Strategic Housing Services are in agreement and support the proposal for Affordable Housing as detailed in the Officer report.	Comments noted and discussed in section 5.2 of the report.
Conservation and Heritage Specialist	Overall, it is advised that the harm caused to the setting of listed farm buildings at Poplar Grove Farm – through change to their wider arable setting – will be “less than substantial” and can fairly be described as moderately adverse. In accordance with paragraph 202 of the NPPF, such harm must be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal. Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, places a duty on the Council to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the settings of the listed buildings. Paragraph 199 of the NPPF requires that “when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset’s conservation”. In this instance, the substantial public benefits will outweigh the harm to the heritage assets.	Noted and discussed in section 5.3 of the report.

Name of internal Consultee	Comment	Officer Response
	For these reasons, no objection is raised to the approval of the application. I would recommend that a condition requiring samples or details of the roof tiles and slates to be approved be attached to the approval, since the choice and quality of the roof finishes could have some impact on the setting of the nearby listed buildings.	

7.4 **Representations received from Interested Parties** (*summarised*)

7.4.1 No representations have been received at the time of writing the report.

8. PROPOSED CONDITIONS

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of two years from the date of this permission.
REASON To comply with Section 91(1) The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:
BHHEYBRIDGENORTH.1/99 Rev P1
9029/HT5b-01
9029/HT4b-01
BHHEYBRIDGENORTH.1/98 Rev P1
9029/HT4-01 Rev B
BHHEYBRIDGENORTH.1/97 Rev P1
BHHEYBRIDGENORTH.1/103 Rev P1
BHHEYBRIDGENORTH.1/102 Rev P1
BHHEYBRIDGENORTH.1/101 Rev P1
BHHEYBRIDGENORTH.1/100 Rev P1
9029-HT5-01
9029-HT23-02
9029-HT23-01
9029-HT22-01
9029-HT15-16
9029-HT11-01
9029/HT9b-01
9029/HT9-01 Rev A
9029/HT8-01
9029/HT7-01 Rev C
9029/HT6-01 Rev B
9029/HT3b-01
9029/HT3-01
9029/HT2b-01
9029/HT28-01 Rev A
9029/HT25-01
9029/HT24-01
9029/HT21-01 Rev B

9029/HT20-01 Rev B
9029/HT2-01 Rev B
9029/HT19-01 Rev A
9029/HT18-01 Rev B
9029/HT17-01 Rev B
9029/HT14-01
9029/HT13-01
9029/HT12-01
9029/HT10b-01
9029/HT10-01 Rev A
9029/HT-27S
9029/HT-27B
9029/HT-27 Rev B
9029/HT-01 Rev B
9029/APT-10 Rev A
9029/APT-09 Rev A
9029/APT-08 Rev A
9029/APT-14 Rev B
9029/APT-13 Rev B
9029/APT-12 Rev B
9029/APT-11 Rev B
9029/55 Rev B
9029/54 Rev B
9029/53 Rev B
9029/52 Rev B
9029/51 Rev B
9029/50 Rev B
9029/34
9029/33 Rev C
9029/32 Rev D
9029/31 Rev C
9029/30 Rev C
9029/29 Rev C
9029/28 Rev C
9029/27 Rev C
9029/26 Rev C
9029/25 Rev C
9029/24 Rev A
9029/23 Rev C
9029/22 Rev C
9029/21 Rev F
9029/04 Rev C
9029/03 Rev J
9029/02 Rev C
9029/01
9029/HT5-01
9029-SG
9029 20 Rev G
61596-C-011 Rev P1
9029-DSG
9029-DG
61596-C-012 Rev P1
61596-C-010 Rev P2
61596-C-009 Rev P2
61596-C-008 Rev P2
61596-C-007 Rev P3

61596-C-004 Rev P5
61596-C-003 Rev P6
61596-C-003 Rev P6
61569-C-006 Rev P3
3231.MA.4002 Rev B
3231.MA.4001 Rev A
3231.MA.4000 Rev A
3231.MA.2006 Rev C
3231.MA.2005 Rev C
3231.MA.2004 Rev C
3231.MA.2003 Rev C
3231.MA.2002 Rev C
3231.MA.2001 Rev C
3231.MA.2000 Rev C
3231.MA.1006 Rev D
3231.MA.1005 Rev D
3231.MA.1004 Rev D
3231.MA.1003 Rev D
3231.MA.1002 Rev D
3231.MA.1001 Rev D
3231.MA.1000 Rev D
3231.MA.900 Rev E

REASON To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the details as approved.

3 The development shall be implemented in accordance with the dwelling mix hereby approved, which is as follows:

- Market housing
 - 61 no. two-bedroom units
 - 74 no. three-bedroom units
 - 48 no. four-bedroom units
- Affordable housing
 - 33 no. one-bedroom units
 - 38 no. two-bedroom houses
 - 8 no. three-bedroom houses

REASON In order to ensure that an appropriate housing mix is provided for the proposed development taking into account the objective of creating a sustainable, mixed community contained in Policy H1 of the approved Maldon District Development Local Plan and the guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.

4 No development works above ground level shall take place until samples of the facing material to be used, including glazing, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The works must then be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON In the interest of the character and appearance of the area in accordance with policy D1 of the approved Maldon District Local Development Plan and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

5 The boundary treatments for the development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the details and with materials as shown on plans 9029/23 Rev C, 9029/24 Rev A, 3231.MA.1000 and 3231.MA.4002 Rev B prior to the occupation of any of the dwellings.

REASON In the interest of the character and appearance of the area and to protect the amenity of the neighbouring residential properties in accordance

with Policy D1 of the approved Maldon District Approved Local Development Plan.

- 6 Notwithstanding condition 5 regarding the development being carried out in accordance with the submitted boundary treatments, details of the hard and/or soft landscaped boundary treatment within the communal gardens adjacent to the ground floor flats shall be submitted to and approved in writing by local planning authority, prior to the occupation of the development hereby approved. The development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and retained as such in perpetuity.

REASON To protect residential amenity and quality of life of the future residential occupiers of the ground floor flats in accordance with Policy D1 of the approved Maldon District Approved Local Development Plan.

- 7 Within the first available planting season (October to March inclusive) following the occupation of each deliverable section of the development hereby approved the landscaping works as shown on plan no's 3231.MA.4002 Rev B, 3231.MA.4001 Rev A, 3231.MA.4000 Rev A, 3231.MA.2006 Rev C, 3231.MA.2005 Rev C, 3231.MA.2004 Rev C, 3231.MA.2003 Rev C, 3231.MA.2002 Rev C, 3231.MA.2001 Rev C, 3231.MA.2000 Rev C, 3231.MA.1006 Rev D, 3231.MA.1005 Rev D, 3231.MA.1004 Rev D, 3231.MA.1003 Rev D, 3231.MA.1002 Rev D, 3231.MA.1001 Rev D, 3231.MA.1000 Rev D, 3231.MA.900 Rev E and specifications included in the Landscape Design Access (3231.MA.RP001) and Landscape Maintenance Plan (3231.MA.RP002) forming part of this permission shall be fully implemented. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree or plant, or any tree or plant planted in replacement for it, is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the local planning authority, seriously damaged or defective, another tree or plant of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the local planning authority gives its written consent to any variation.

REASON To protect the character of the area in accordance with policy D1 of the Maldon District Approved Local Development Plan.

- 8 Prior to the occupation of the development the vehicle parking shall be hard surfaced, sealed and marked out in parking bays and the approved garages shall be erected in accordance with the plans and details hereby approved. The vehicle parking area and associated turning area shall be retained in this form in perpetuity. The vehicle parking and garages shall not be used for any purpose other than the parking of vehicles that are related to the use of the development unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

REASON To ensure that on street parking of vehicles in the adjoining streets does not occur in the interests of highway safety and that appropriate parking is provided in accordance with policies D1 and T2 of the approved Local Development Plan.

- 9 Electric car charging points in accordance shall be implemented in accordance with the details included in plan no. 9029/31 RevC prior to the commencement of the beneficial use of the parking space within which they would be located.

REASON To comply with the adopted Vehicle Parking Standards SPD (2018) in accordance with Policies D1 and T2 of the approved Maldon District Local Development Plan.

- 10 The dwellings not provided with a garage hereby permitted shall not be occupied until secure and weather protected storage for bicycles as shown on plan no 9029/22 RevC has been provided for the occupiers of these dwellings. The bicycle storage shall be retained as approved in perpetuity.

REASON To comply with the adopted Vehicle Parking Standards SPD (2018) in accordance with Policies D1 and T2 of the approved Maldon District Local Development Plan.

- 11 The development shall be completed in accordance with the approved Construction Ecological Management Plan in Respect of Condition 7(g): Phase 2, 15 January 2022, Ref No.: 20/01-6B, by Ecological Expertise Evolved, Ecological Conservation Management Plan in Respect of Condition 13 – Phase 1 (dated 14th January 2021, ref 20/01-3C), Technical Survey Note: Bat Tree Survey 2021, by Ecological Planning and Research Ltd, Bat Technical Note: Survey Results and Recommendations, by Ecological Planning submitted under the terms of application 22/05005/DET and Research Ltd and Landscape Design Access (3231.MA.RP001). The proposed ecological enhancements shall be retained as approved in perpetuity.
REASON To ensure that the approved measures are fully implemented in the interests of nature conservation in accordance with Policies S1, D1, N2 of the Maldon District Approved Local Development Plan and the NPPF.
- 12 The development shall be completed in accordance with the approved Noise Assessment, September 2021 for Phase 2 and part of Phase 4 submitted with the approved application 21/00961/RES. The proposed acoustic mitigation recommended on section 7 of the Noise Mitigation for Phase 1 shall be implemented prior to the relevant dwellings, which are to include these mitigation measures, are occupied. These acoustic mitigation measures shall be retained as approved in perpetuity.
REASON To protect residential amenity and quality of life of the future residential occupiers in accordance with Policy D1 of the approved Maldon District Approved Local Development Plan.
- 13 Notwithstanding the provisions of Class A, B, C, D, and E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order amending, revoking or re-enacting that Order) no garages, extensions or separate buildings shall be erected within the site without planning permission having been obtained from the local planning authority.
REASON In the interest of the amenity of neighbouring properties and to safeguard the character of the area in accordance with the requirements of policies D1 and H4 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan and the provision and guidance as contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 14 The first floor windows on the side elevations of those properties that have a flank to back wall relationship with the neighbouring sites shall only be glazed in obscure glass (the glass to be obscure to at least Level 4 on the Pilkington Levels of Privacy, or such equivalent as may be agreed in writing with the local planning authority) and fixed shut, except for any top hung fan light which shall be a minimum of 1.7 metres above internal floor level unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority. In the case of multiple or double-glazed units at least one layer of glass in the relevant units shall be glazed in obscure glass to at least Level 4.
REASON To protect the privacy and environment of people in neighbouring residential properties, in compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2018) and policies D1 and H4 of the approved Local Development Plan and the guidance contained in the Maldon District Design Guide SPD.
- 15 The trees and hedges identified for retention on the approved plan drawing number SJA TPP 22032-041 – Tree Protection Plan which is attached to and forms part of this permission shall be protected in accordance with the Arboricultural Implications Report, March 2022, Ref. SJA air 22032-01 during

the course of the development. The trees and/or hedges shall be protected by measures which accord with British Standard 5837:2012 (Trees in Relation to Construction). The protective fencing and ground protection shall be erected before the commencement of any clearing, demolition and building operations and shall be maintained until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site. Within the fenced protection zone(s) no materials shall be stored, no rubbish dumped, no fires lit and no buildings erected inside the fence, nor shall any change in ground level be made within the fenced area unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the local planning authority. If within five years from the completion of the development a tree or hedge shown to be retained is removed, destroyed, dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the local planning authority, seriously damaged or defective, a replacement shall be planted within the site of such species and size, and shall be planted at such time, as specified in writing by the local planning authority.

REASON To secure the retention of appropriate landscaping of the site in the interests of visual amenity and the character of the area and for their biodiversity value in accordance with Policies D1 and N2 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan and the Maldon District Design Guide.

- 16 The site drainage shall be constructed in accordance with the Drainage Strategy Report by Richard Jackson Engineering consultants, dated March 2022, Project no: 61596 and shall be retained as such in perpetuity. REASON To ensure the sustainable management of water, minimise flood risk and to minimise discharge of surface water outside of the curtilage of the site in accordance with policy D2 of the approved Maldon District Development Local Plan.

- 17 The sales suite as shown on plan no. 9029 - DSG hereby approved shall be constructed as approved. The use of the proposed sales suite shall permanently cease on or before the end of the sales period, which shall be agreed in writing by the local planning authority prior to the first use of the sales suite, and the building shall be converted into two single garages to serve units 70 and 71 within six months from the end of the sales period. REASON To ensure the removal of the temporary development, to ensure that the development is carried out as approved and to ensure there is sufficient off street car parking in the interests of the character and appearance of the area and highway safety in accordance with policies S1, D1 and T2 of the LDP.

INFORMATIVES

- 1 Essex County Council has a duty to maintain a register and record of assets which have a significant impact on the risk of flooding. In order to capture proposed SuDS which may form part of the future register, a copy of the SuDS assets in a GIS layer should be sent to suds@essex.gov.uk.
- 2 Any drainage features proposed for adoption by Essex County Council should be consulted on with the relevant Highways Development Management Office.
- 3 Changes to existing water courses may require separate consent under the Land Drainage Act before works take place. More information about consenting can be found in the attached standing advice note.
- 4 It is the applicant's responsibility to check that they are complying with common law if the drainage scheme proposes to discharge into an off-site ditch/pipe. The applicant should seek consent where appropriate from other downstream riparian landowners.
- 5 The Ministerial Statement made on 18th December 2014 (ref. HCWS161) states that the final decision regarding the viability and reasonableness of maintenance requirements lies with the LPA. It is not within the scope of the LLFA to comment on the overall viability of a scheme as the decision is based on a range of issues which are outside of this authority's area of expertise.

- 6 We will advise on the acceptability of surface water and the information submitted on all planning applications submitted after the 15th of April 2015 based on the key documents listed within this letter. This includes applications which have been previously submitted as part of an earlier stage of the planning process and granted planning permission based on historic requirements. The Local Planning Authority should use the information submitted within this response in conjunction with any other relevant information submitted as part of this application or as part of preceding applications to make a balanced decision based on the available information.