



GRENDON UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Statement On behalf of the Local Planning Consultee: Grendon Underwood Parish Council

Dated: 6th July 2022.

Pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, Grendon Underwood Parish Council (Council) is a designated Consultee of the Local Planning Authority (LPA), Buckinghamshire County Council, and is mandated to provide local comment on planning applications in the parish of Grendon Underwood. Council notes the LPA should take due regard of Consultee comments but is in no way obliged to accept them, either in whole or in part. The Council is in receipt of an invitation to consult on the following Planning Applications.

Local Planning Authority Ref: 22/01899/APP & 22/01900/ALB

Case Officer: Summary: HM Prison Grendon, Springhill Road, Grendon Underwood, Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL - Planning Application & Listed Building Consent to demolish existing boiler house. Proposed development of two new houseblocks, training centre, staff offices, kitchen storage, building and associated car parking and landscaping, alternation and re-instating existing wall.

Time Line:

- Request to comment received by Council; 15th June 2022. Date comments requested by; 13th July 2022.

Conclusion of the Planning Balance;

Council has weighed carefully the planning balance of this application and, taking the views of residents into consideration, in conjunction with Edgcott PC, has concluded not to object to Areas A & B but to object to Areas C & D in that these will have an adverse impact on local residents, the wider community and local infrastructure.

These would significantly and demonstrably outweigh any alleged benefits suggested and that proposed mitigations of this impact are minimal and patently implausible and not sustainable.

In arriving at this conclusion, the Council has taken under advisement the considerations outlined below, has followed the NPPF, June 2021, the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) currently in force, its own Planning Response Policy, ref CP16 [available on request & on the web site] and has sought, recorded and taken due regard of the views of local residents.

Therefore, it has been duly resolved to oppose the subject application on the grounds detailed below.

In Summary -

The Parish Council has taken the views of Edgcott PC and the concerns of residents especially on the Springhill residential estate immediately adjacent to the proposed application site, and more especially those residents immediately bordering on the proposed car park.

Council would suggest the effects of the car park should be given major adverse weight or subject to effective mitigation in respect of all-night light pollution, noise nuisance at unsociable hours during shift changes and the exacerbation of a current litter problem on this site.

There is also a concern the houseblocks will impair the visual amenity of residents along Main Street in Grendon Underwood and others in Edgcott, especially in winter when tree cover is minimal.

Council notes this applicant has notified its intention to appeal the unanimous decision of the Strategic Sites Committee on 24th March 22 to refuse 21/02851/AOP for a 1440 bed, 6x 4 storey concrete house blocks mega, prison, Council is concerned how this application will inform the grounds on which the appeal will be made, and whether approval of this application would be considered as in any way adding weight in favour of approving the appeal.

Whilst significantly less onerous than that OPA, all the grounds on which it was refused remain applicable to this application and Planners are urged to consider them for this case. The application remains, although to a lesser extent, in conflict with policy GP35 of the Local Plan and, despite claims to the contrary, would not constitute sustainable development as to local employment, healthy & safe communities, ecology & heritage, transport infrastructure, carbon footprint and water & waste. It would fail to comply with the core planning principles of the NPPF in regard to economic objective, social objective & environmental objective. For these reasons the Council has afforded this application significant negative weight.

The Council thanks the Planning Authority for its invitation to consult and hopes the views of residents affected will be given considerable weight in the Planning Balance and is therefore respectfully requested to refuse planning consent outright.

Signed: **GRENDON UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL** pp Chair of Council.

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