

Appeal Decision

Site visit made on 16 September 2024

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an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 30 October 2024

Appeal Ref: APP/R0660/W/24/3341612

Broomfield, Oak Road, Mottram St Andrew SK10 4RA

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) against a refusal to grant planning permission.
 - The appeal is made by Mr and Mrs Mather against the decision of Cheshire East Council.
 - The application Ref is 23/3084M.
 - The development proposed is 1) Demolition of existing stables building and dwelling house 2) Erection of a replacement dwelling and detached annexe building with associated works to include a comprehensive landscape scheme.
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Decision

1. The appeal is dismissed.

Applications for costs

2. An application for a partial award of costs was made by Mr and Mrs Mather against the Cheshire East Council. This is the subject of a separate Decision.

Main Issues

3. The main issues are:
 - Whether the proposal would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt, having regard to the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) and any relevant development plan policy;
 - The effect of the proposal on the openness of the Green Belt;
 - The effect of the proposal on protected species, namely bats;
 - The effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the area; and,
 - Whether any harm by reason of inappropriateness and any other harm would be clearly outweighed by other considerations, so as to amount to the very special circumstances required to justify the proposal.

Reasons

Whether inappropriate development

4. Policy PG3 of the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy 2010-2030 (July 2017) (the CELPS) sets out that the construction of new buildings is inappropriate in the Green Belt, with an exception to this at 3(iv) being the replacement of a building, provided the new building is in the same use and not materially larger than the one it replaces. A further exception at 3(vi) is the partial or complete redevelopment of previously developed sites (brownfield land), whether redundant or in continuing use (excluding temporary buildings), which would not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt and the purposes of including land within it than the existing development.
5. Policy RUR13 of the Cheshire East Local Plan Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (2022) (the SADPD) states that the replacement of existing buildings in the Green Belt will only be permitted where the replacement building is not materially larger than the existing building and would not unduly harm the rural character of the countryside. In defining what would constitute materially larger, the policy refers to matters including height, bulk, form, siting, design, floorspace and footprint.
6. Paragraph 154 of the Framework also establishes that new buildings within the Green Belt are inappropriate development subject to a number of exceptions. The exception at Policy PG3(iv) of the CELPS with regard to replacement buildings is consistent with that set out at paragraph 154 d) of the Framework. However, the exception at Policy PG3(vi) does not include reference to affordable housing need and is therefore not fully consistent with the exception in relation to previously developed sites at paragraph 154 g) of the Framework. The Framework post-dates Policy PG3 of the CELPS and its wording is more expansive. As such, I will determine this issue with regard to the Framework.
7. The proposal includes the replacement of an existing dwelling and the redevelopment of stable blocks to provide additional residential accommodation as an annex to the main dwelling. I will consider each of these in turn.

Replacement building (Framework exception 154 d)

8. There is no dispute between the Council and appellant that, in relation to the main dwelling, the proposed building would be materially larger than the existing building. Based on the information before me, I have no reason to disagree.
9. Therefore, the proposal would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt which is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances. The proposal would conflict with Policy PG3(iv) of the CELPS and paragraph 154 d) of the Framework.

Previously development land (PDL) (Framework exception 154 g)

10. Even though the proposal would include a replacement building for the stable blocks, it would be residential in nature so would not be the same use. Consequently, paragraph 154 d) of the Framework would not apply. Instead,

I agree with both parties that the proposal would be the redevelopment of PDL and paragraph 154 g) of the Framework is relevant.

11. Accordingly, whether the proposal would constitute inappropriate development will depend on whether it would have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development. Openness has a spatial and visual aspect.
12. The Framework states that 'the fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.' From the evidence submitted, the proposed building, be it ancillary or otherwise, would be of a compact form. In this respect, reference has been made to floor area, but openness is a matter relative to the scale of development.
13. The existing stables are positioned in an 'L' shape with a central area of grass between them. They are narrow with modest shallow pitched roofs and consequently are low-lying structures. However, the proposed building would be taller and, although of similar overall floor space, would be consolidated into one bulkier structure. Furthermore, the addition of the large chimney stack would result in the building appearing visually prominent in the rural surroundings to a harmfully greater degree than the stable buildings.
14. The proposal would introduce a residential use on land clearly separated from the garden of Broomfield by a post and rail fence. It is currently accessed separately from the dwelling along a grass track between Broomfield and White Oaks, which is also in the appellant's ownership. It is likely that, as indicated on the submitted plans, at least some parts of the proposed external space would be used as a garden (with the almost inevitable intrusion of paraphernalia such as garden furniture, lighting and the like). This would lead to an unavoidable domestication of the site, even if occupied by one person, which would diminish the sense of openness.
15. Much of the land is bound by vegetation, and there are wooded and vegetated field boundaries beyond the site which would provide some visual screening to the development. While this would lessen the visual harm to openness, some activities associated with a residential use would be noticed in the area, particularly during the months when trees would not be in full leaf and during hours of darkness when lighting emanating from the building would be apparent.
16. For these reasons, the proposal would have a more harmful spatial and visual impact on the openness of the area in comparison to the existing arrangement. However, given the relatively small size of the site and the degree to which it is screened, there would be a limited impact on openness, but it would be harmful nonetheless. Accordingly, the proposal would not meet the exception criteria in paragraph 154 g) of the Framework.
17. Although the Council do not reach a conclusion in terms of encroachment, it is referred to in the Officer Report and the appellant's Planning Statement. In this regard, I find that the introduction of a larger residential building on the site would, in a small way, represent an encroachment into the countryside.

This would be contrary to one of the purposes of the Green Belt set out in Paragraph 143 of the Framework.

18. The Council's reasons for refusal also refer to the fact that the proposed detached residential annex would be located outside of the residential curtilage of Broomfield and would not be ancillary because it would be capable of being used as a separate residential dwelling.
19. The concept of 'curtilage' is different to 'land use' and 'residential curtilage' is not a defined use of land as set out in the Use Classes Order (UCO). In this case, it is not a matter for me to formally determine whether the appeal site forms part of the residential curtilage, as this would normally be the subject of a lawful development certificate application.
20. Nevertheless, as I have set out earlier in my decision, the stables lands sits outside the existing garden of Broomfield. Even if I were to find that the proposed annex would not comprise a separate dwelling, for the reasons I have set out above, it would constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt. This is because the building would have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development. For the purposes of paragraph 154 g), any greater effect on openness, even if limited as in this case, would cause it to fall outside of its provisions.

Conclusion on inappropriate development

21. The proposed development would result in a replacement building that would be materially larger than the building it would replace, and the redevelopment of PDL to form a residential annex would have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt.
22. Consequently, as the proposal would not meet any of the listed exceptions in paragraph 154 of the Framework, and there is no suggestion that it would meet any other exception in the Framework, it would be inappropriate development, which by definition is harmful to the Green Belt. It would conflict with Policy PG3(iv) of the CELPS and Policy RUR13 of the SADPD where they both seek that the replacement of a building in the Green Belt is not materially larger than the one it replaces.

Openness

23. Inherent within paragraph 154 g) of the Framework is an assessment on openness for which I have reached a conclusion set out above. However, I must also consider the effect on the openness of the Green Belt in respect of the replacement dwelling.
24. The proposed dwelling would be located within the appeal site on a broadly similar footprint to the existing building and would align with and be flanked by the properties on either side. Nevertheless, the proposed building would have a significantly larger mass than the existing house at first floor level due to the increased eaves and ridge height of the gable features.
25. The existing dwelling is not prominent in views from the road, due in part to the significant setback, topography of the site and trees and vegetation along the boundaries. The sloping roof, minimal number of dormer additions, low eaves and low single storey side extensions contribute to the simple

form and scale of the building. By comparison, the full two-storey height front elevation and projecting gables would be likely to be visible from the road and through the gaps between the frontage trees. Views would be heightened by the proposed removal of vegetation and trees to widen the drive and create a parking area. Furthermore, the projecting gables would be more prominent than the existing modest-height property when seen from open countryside at the rear.

26. Consequently, whilst the visual effects of the proposal would be moderated to a degree by the presence of mature trees and vegetation along the boundaries of the site, the proposal would result in an overall greater mass and scale that would be glimpsed from Oak Road and open countryside beyond the rear garden to the west. The proposal would also be more visible during the months when the trees would not be in leaf.
27. However, the site is located within a row of large two storey properties. In this context, I consider the effect on the openness of the Green Belt to be limited. However, this harm would be in addition to the inappropriateness of the scheme.

Protected species

28. All species of bats are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) (the Habitats Regulations), and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and are European Protected Species (EPS). The regulations impose a duty to consider whether there is a reasonable likelihood of EPS being present and affected by the proposal. Circular 06/20058 advises that the presence of a protected species is a material consideration when a development proposal which would be likely to result in harm to the species or its habitat. This is also reflected in Policy SE3 of the CELPS.
29. The planning application was accompanied by a 'Bat Presence/Absence Survey' (United Environmental Services Ltd, July 2023, Ref: UES03916/03) which recorded bat and bird activity on the site. Evidence of a bat roost beneath a flat roof on the existing building was found along with evidence of foraging in the area by other bat species. It was assessed that it was likely the roost was used on a casual basis as a day roost by a single to low number of common pipistrelles. The proposed demolition of the building would, accordingly, mean the loss of the roost. Several proposed mitigation and compensation measures have been set out in the report, including, amongst other measures, careful placing of external lighting and the provision of a bat box.
30. The survey report concludes that a full EPS mitigation licence would not be necessary in this case due to the low number and common species of bats that would be affected. However, it is accepted that a Bat Mitigation Class Licence from Natural England would be required. Whilst it is not my duty as a decision maker in this appeal to apply the licensing tests to the proposal before me, I have had regard to them as I am required to consider whether there would be a reasonable prospect of a licence being granted.
31. In order for Natural England to issue a licence, all three of the derogation tests must be met. As I have found that the proposal would not comply with

the development plan for the reasons given above, the development would not be of overriding public interest. Furthermore, information provided confirms that an alternative scheme, the Certificate of Lawfulness or Proposed Use or Development¹ (CLD) granted by the Council for extensions to the existing dwelling, would not require the removal of that part of the building containing the roost.

32. Given my consideration of the derogation tests and even though mitigation measures have been submitted, I am not convinced a mitigation licence would be granted by Natural England.
33. Therefore, the proposal would not comply with Policy SE3 of the CELPS and ENV1 and ENV2 of the SADPD which require in various ways that development should not have a significant adverse impact on biodiversity but should aim to positively contribute to its conservation and enhancement. The proposal would also conflict with guidance at paragraph 186 of the Framework which seeks to minimise impacts on biodiversity.

Character and appearance

34. The appeal site comprises of a single storey dwelling on a large plot, with accommodation in the roof space. To the front of the site is a driveway leading to an area of hardstanding for parking. To the rear is a large garden that slopes away from the dwelling towards a post and rail fence which separates the site from the field beyond. It is located within an established row of large, detached dwellings and is set back at a lower ground level from the road, behind a hedge and several substantial trees located within the front garden.
35. The essence of the character of Oak Road in the vicinity of the appeal site is principally derived from the country lane ambience of the road which, is mostly due to the absence of centre line marking, footways and the substantial mature trees and hedges within and forming the boundary of front gardens framing the road. In this context, the significant set-back of the appeal dwelling from the road, the boundary hedge and number of large trees within the front garden reinforce the verdant and positive attributes of the area.
36. While the residential properties along Oak Road consist of predominantly large, detached two storey buildings positioned in large plots, due to their set back from the road, gently sloping topography and significant tree cover in and between the plots, the area retains a spacious transitional character between the open countryside and the village centre.
37. The age, materials and styles of properties along Oak Road varies considerably. The position of the proposed dwelling would be similar to the existing dwelling and in alignment with the arrangement of local development. Nonetheless, the proposed dwelling would be more prominent in the street scene than the existing dwelling due to its scale, materials and contemporary design compared to the existing, unremarkable, property.
38. I am mindful that the Framework at paragraph 135c) advises that development should be sympathetic to local character and history, including

¹ LPA Ref: 23/4010M

the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change. In this regard, whilst contemporary design would not be objectionable in and of itself, it must respect the context within which it sits.

39. I recognise that the proposed building would include a horizontal arrangement of windows that would elongate its appearance. However, it would not be significantly wider than the existing building and the projecting gable features 'bookend' the building and break up its linear form. Whilst the first floor is not insubstantial, the central section is recessed between the gables which serves to reduce its visual prominence.
40. The appearance of the building would draw on some features common on surrounding properties, such as a chimney and feature gables. However, there would be a large expanse of clay tiles on both side elevations and minimal openings on the south elevation. Together with the clay roof tiles, this would result in a bulky, boxlike and overly imposing south elevation. Despite this, because of the angle of this elevation towards boundary vegetation and the extensive tree cover in the adjacent front garden, it would not be readily visible, as acknowledged by the Council. The window proportions on the front façade vary, however the central openings are positioned within the roof and thus would be seen on an angle.
41. I note the Council's concerns with the proposed external finishes of the building, including white brick. From the information before me, I also acknowledge that the Cheshire East Design Guide 2017 advises that materials in the area vary, but they are predominantly brick across the North Cheshire Fringe within which the appeal site is located. The proposed white brick on some elevations is not commonly found in the area.
42. Regardless, white brick is only proposed on one front-facing gable elevation and on the first floor elevations of the rear gables and therefore this material would not dominate the building. The introduction of clay tiles on elevations of the building would be a traditional material used in a contemporary way. Overall, I find that the proposal respects the setting of the site and surroundings and uses cues and materials creatively in a modern context.
43. Furthermore, considering the mixed character and appearance of the surrounding built environment, the contrasting appearance of the proposed dwelling would not be incongruous and would not disrupt a harmonious or coherent street scene. It would not therefore be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area.
44. I do however share the Council's concerns regarding the proposed boundary wall and gates fronting Oak Road as shown on the submitted plans due to their urbanising appearance. Nevertheless, this matter can be effectively dealt with by way of appropriately worded conditions were I to allow the appeal.
45. The Council have no concern about the character and appearance of the annexe building due to its design and use of similar materials to the main dwelling. Notwithstanding my view in relation to harm to the Green Belt, I agree that the appearance of the annex building would be acceptable.

46. The submitted information suggests that land outside the red edge boundary but within the ownership of the appellant would be landscaped. In my view, this would change the appearance of this part of the open countryside and while I have some reservations that it would result in a more contrived and domesticated appearance, it would nevertheless be open and vegetated. Furthermore, the Council's landscape team have raised no objections to this aspect of the proposal. Were I to allow the appeal, a condition could be imposed in relation to boundary treatment that would ensure a clear separation between the garden and open countryside.
47. To conclude on this main issue, I find no harm to the character and appearance of the proposed development. Accordingly, the proposal would comply with Policies SD1, SD2 and SE1 of the CELPS and Policy GEN1 of the SADPD. Collectively these policies, amongst other things, seek to ensure that development is of high quality, encourages innovative and creative design solutions that respects the local character and context and that makes a positive contribution to their surroundings. The proposal would also accord with the objectives of paragraph 135 of the Framework.

Other considerations

48. In support of the appeal, the appellant has drawn my attention to a potential fallback position in relation to the CLD granted for single storey rear and side extensions, fenestration alterations and rooflight to the existing dwelling as well as large outbuilding. The appellant asserts that the CLD would result in greater harm to the openness of the Green Belt than the appeal proposal.
49. For significant weight to be afforded to a fallback position, there only needs to be a realistic prospect or a possibility of the fallback scheme being implemented. The appellant is clearly seeking to extend or replace this dwelling, as demonstrated by the CLD and current appeal proposal. As such, I have little doubt that the appellants would exercise their right to implement the CLD, or a similar development under the terms of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) (GPDO). This therefore represents a fallback.
50. However, there needs not only to be a reasonable prospect of it being carried out, but it would also need to be more harmful than what would be allowed by the scheme for which permission is sought. As a result, an element of planning judgement is involved in that assessment process.
51. It is clear from information provided that several of the Council's comparison figures in relation to the proposed replacement dwelling, when assessed against the existing and the CLD are incorrect. For example, the width of the CLD scheme would clearly be wider than the existing dwelling. It is unclear from the information before me how the Council have arrived at their figures. In the absence of written dimensions on the plans, I have taken account of the appellant's figures as a more accurate representation of the numerical differences between the schemes, since evidence of calculation has been provided.
52. The measurements provided by the appellant show that the total footprint, and floorspace, width and depth of the proposed dwelling would be considerably less in comparison to the combined total of the fallback position

of the CLD. The volumetric measurement (excluding the basement) would be similar.

53. However, I am not persuaded that the quantitative factor is the key determining aspect in this case as the fallback scheme would be arranged very differently to the appeal proposal. A considerable amount of floorspace and volume within the fallback scheme would be provided through a single large, detached outbuilding to the rear of the main dwelling.
54. The fallback scheme would therefore have a much greater spread of development on the site and thus would result in a reduction to the openness of the Green Belt in spatial terms in comparison to the appeal proposal. It would however largely be at ground level and thus would not be as readily noticeable as the appeal proposal which would have a more constrained footprint, but would be evidently bulkier, higher and more visually prominent and imposing.
55. Therefore, while the appeal proposal would result in less spread of built form across the site spatially, it would result in greater harm to the visual aspect of the Green Belt in comparison to the fallback scheme. While I have concluded that the character and appearance of the proposal would be acceptable and I recognise that the building would be located in an area that also includes two storey properties, this would not overcome the harm.
56. Both schemes would therefore result in harm to the openness of the Green Belt, albeit in different aspects. I consider that the difference in arrangement of built form from the fallback scheme and the appeal proposal would result in similar harm to the openness of the Green Belt. Therefore, when compared to the fallback scheme, the proposal would not result in a benefit to openness.
57. In addition, I am also concerned that a large outbuilding, very similar to that within the fallback scheme, could be erected prior to the implementation of the appeal proposal, and then be retained thereafter alongside the replacement dwelling, thus negating any benefit to the openness of the Green Belt which may be achieved through avoiding the fallback scheme. There is no mechanism before me to prevent such circumstances from occurring.
58. Moreover, the proposed replacement dwelling would have permitted development rights which could be utilised to further extend the property. While the appellant accepts that such rights could be restricted through the imposition of conditions, there is no evidence before me to indicate that removal of such rights would be appropriate and meet the required tests as set out in the Framework in this instance.
59. For all the reasons above, I consider that the fallback scheme would be no more harmful to the openness of the Green Belt than the appeal proposal. Consequently, I afford the fallback position no more than limited weight.
60. I find the appellant's claim that the design of the proposal would be superior to the fallback position to be of little merit. Although the fallback would result in further incremental additions to the existing property, they would be single storey and constructed in matching materials to the existing

dwelling. The large outbuilding would be screened from Oak Road by the dwelling itself and the overall verdant character and appearance of the area would remain. I attribute limited positive weight in relation to this matter.

61. The appellant suggests that the appeal proposal would support landscape and biodiversity enhancements through the delivery of a comprehensive landscape and ecological enhancement scheme, which would not be the case with the fallback scheme. There is limited evidence before me in this regard, including that the landscaping of other land within the ownership of the appellant, denoted within the blue edge on the submitted plans would increase the current biodiversity value of this undeveloped land. In any event, I note the proposed scheme would include the removal of trees and vegetation and the potential loss of a bat roost. Furthermore, because a positive contribution to the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and landscape character is to at least some degree needed to ensure compliance with Policies SE3 and SE5 of the CELPS, and Policies ENV3, ENV5 and ENV6 of the SADPD, these considerations carry only limited weight in favour of the proposal.
62. I acknowledge that the proposed dwelling would provide modern family accommodation to meet the needs of the appellant. The intention to build the dwelling to high environmental standards, including the use of sustainable, high performing, energy efficient and recyclable materials, photovoltaic panels, a ground source heat pump, and electric vehicle charge points are positive elements of the scheme. However, there is little conclusive evidence to substantiate this aspiration, nor any clear evidence that the existing building could not be renovated to include similar standards of energy efficiency. Furthermore, it seems to me that any gain in that respect would need to be balanced against the harm to the environmental principles of sustainability caused by the demolition of the existing building. Accordingly, these matters, whilst a benefit of the proposal, carry limited weight in my considerations.
63. I am advised that the proposed annex would be used for a family member who is increasingly wheelchair bound. I have therefore had due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. This sets out the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. However, such a duty does not necessarily override other considerations. The concept of proportionality is key.
64. Given the nature of the wheelchair bound occupier of the proposed annex, the user would have a protected characteristic for the purposes of the PSED. I have therefore afforded greater weight to the needs of the individual as required by the PSED and I have kept these interests at the forefront of my mind in my assessment. I appreciate that some form of accommodation which would allow a sense of independence whilst being close to family members would be of benefit to the personal circumstances of the individual and other family members.
65. Dismissing the appeal would mean that the appellants may have to consider other options for meeting their family's accommodation needs. While I

understand the difficulty of the family circumstances, the occupier of the annex would be required to undertake a reasonably lengthy journey from the parking area or main dwelling to the annex in a wheelchair with no cover during occasions of inclement weather. Moreover, there is no substantial exploration of suitable alternatives to the proposal which would avoid harm to the Green Belt. Therefore, I attribute limited weight to this matter in favour of the proposal.

Other Matters

66. I have taken into consideration the other appeal decisions² and the decision made by the Council at Thornlea³ which have been referred to by the appellant and have had regard to the appellant's highlighted extracts of the Uttlesford⁴ case in relation to a residential annex. The dwelling at Thornlea, which is located opposite the appeal site on Oak Road, was originally a two storey dwelling. While the replacement dwelling approved by the Council was significantly larger in volume and footprint, from the evidence provided, the overall height remained the same as the original building. This case is therefore materially different to the appeal before me. Although the Thornlea case serves to confirm that permitted development rights can be a fallback consideration of sufficient weight to amount to very special circumstances, each decision is case and circumstance specific.
67. The New Forest National Park appeal is also materially different to the appeal before me in relation to the likelihood of a licence being granted by Natural England. This is because the development proposed in that case was considered by the Inspector to accord with the development plan, which is not the case in this appeal. The appeal example provided in relation to a residential annexe in the South Downs National Park and the Uttlesford case are significantly different to this appeal in respect of the issues that must be considered in that neither case relate to the redevelopment of PDL.
68. In any event, the existence of development elsewhere, whether it be adjacent to the appeal site or elsewhere, does not represent an appropriate reason to find in favour of a proposal that would cause harm in this case, a case I have considered on its own merits.
69. That there would be no harmful effects on highway safety or the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers and that there is support from a nearby resident are neutral impacts and do not weigh in favour of the scheme.

Planning Balance and Conclusion

70. The proposal would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would cause harm to its spatial and visual openness. I have also found that the proposal would harm biodiversity interests in relation to protected species. The Framework indicates that inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances. Substantial weight should be given to the harm to the Green Belt. Very special circumstances will not exist unless the harm

² New Forest National Park appeal ref: APP/B9506/W/17/3171733 and South Downs National Park appeal ref: APP/Y9507/D/15/3136599

³ LPA ref: 22/4932M

⁴ Uttlesford DC v SSE and RJ White [1992]

to the Green Belt and any other harm are clearly outweighed by other considerations.

71. The considerations presented by the appellant do not clearly outweigh the totality of the harm that I have identified. Consequently, other considerations amounting to very special circumstances sufficient to outweigh the harm to the Green Belt do not exist.
72. The proposal would conflict with the development plan taken as a whole, the Framework, and all other relevant material considerations. Therefore, for the reasons given, I conclude that the appeal should be dismissed.

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