

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Thursday 28 April 2016

LATE OBSERVATION SHEET

4.1 - SE/15/00376/HOUSE Westerham House, Fircroft Way, Edenbridge TN8 6EL

Further representation

A letter of objection has been received from a consultant representing an owner of adjacent industrial units. The objector states that his client was interested in redeveloping the site for employment uses and expressed an interest in the site in 2013, and that this interest was ignored. The objector is of the view that the marketing exercise undertaken was therefore flawed and should not be replied upon.

The information submitted from the objector includes an email chain between his client and the agents marketing the property in 2013. The email chain makes clear that the objector's client did not make a formal offer for the site.

Response

Whilst the Council's Economic Development Manager has since left his post, the Council has appointed a Regeneration Officer. He has considered the recent information submitted. He does not consider that this changes the advice previously provided by the Economic Development Manager, and would not object to the change of use of the site to residential.

Affordable housing / Section 106 Agreement

The main report (para. 61) states that Members will be updated on measures to provide more certainty that the remaining units would be delivered as affordable housing outside of the normal S106 arrangements.

Your officers have been in ongoing discussions over the best way to achieve this, and this would continue post-committee if a resolution to grant permission is passed.

Recommendation

As per the main report.