

Planning Proposal to Demolish Eastfield House

Conservation Area Landmark Under Threat



Residents have until 19th December to comment on the proposal to demolish Eastfield House and replace it with a new building containing 50 bedrooms, despite the fact it is sited in a Conservation Area.

In 2013, despite the objections of SODC, Whitchurch Parish Council and many residents, the owners of the site were granted permission to extend the rear of the 27 bed facility to accommodate 45 bedrooms. This new application will contain a total of 50 bedrooms and the revised arrangements include the demolition of the main house .

Eastfield House was built in 1880 and contains many fine features, including the stained glass window, the feature stone entrance porch and window settings. The house helps to define the eastern extent of the conservation area.

Whitchurch residents have already expressed views regarding;

- The removal of a fine historic building within the village.
- Additional traffic that would be generated within the village and in Eastfield Lane in particular.
- Safety of children walking along Eastfield Lane to the Primary School.
- The Eastfield Lane and High Street junction being unsuitable for additional traffic and larger vehicles.
- The ground floor being lowered despite proximity to the flood plain.
- The foul drainage system being inadequate in this area and more residents exacerbating this.

In addition, if the principle of demolition is established it could lead to further applications being submitted for an even larger facility.

If the village does not speak up now, it will be too late!

If you are interested in maintaining the integrity of Whitchurch's **conservation area**, let South Oxfordshire District Council have your comments, **by 19th December.**

To File Your Comments please either use the link below, or write to Mr Tom Wyatt, South Oxfordshire District Council, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 8ED quoting the Planning reference; P14/S3443/0

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