

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at Buckden Village Hall on 12th August 2014

Present Cllr MacAndrew (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs Shirley, Mrs Millard, Moore, and J.Chase, Clerk.

	Apologies Cllr Richardson	
3780	Declarations of Interest No declarations were made	
3781	Report on previous Meeting The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 22nd July were agreed and signed.	
3782	The Committee agreed to recommend refusal of the following application. 1401177FUL Erection of dwelling Former 21 High Street Buckden 1. We consider this to be an over development of the site. The proposed planning application would remove amenity land in the area behind the existing flats, taking away the existing planted section and would leave, in our opinion, a very sterile area, only to be used for parking. 2. Whilst we consider the proposed building to be an improvement on the plan submitted earlier this year, we would like to respectfully point out that the earlier plan was rejected by HDC on several grounds, including over development of the site, NOT solely on the appearance of the proposed property, as the communication to the applicant seems to suggest. 3. The proposed application lies very close to the conservation area of the village. Whilst the design is an improvement, it also represents a size of design that does not sit happily with the remainder of the conservation area. The existing design was, itself, referred to the inspector, who made several suggestions before the plan was deemed suitable for this area of the village. 4. The analysis of air pollution was made in 2008 and from a different site from the proposed building. Residents of Buckden are very much aware that, as the country comes out of recession, road traffic has increased and this is particularly noticeable on the A1 and at the roundabout. Likewise, noise pollution has also increased. We would consider that the proposed building is located at a very disadvantageous location for both air and noise pollution. 5. Vehicles from the site exit onto the High St very close to traffic coming off the roundabout. We consider that this would increase traffic problems in this area of the High St, which is very congested at certain times of the day.	

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