



Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, 14 March 2024

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Planning decisions and information from West Berkshire Council

West Berkshire Council Decisions

23/02548/FULMAJ: Land South of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading

Full Planning Application for the construction of a retaining wall and for details of the appearance and landscaping within the southern public open space area pursuant to the Outline Planning Permission 17/03004/OUTMAJ as varied by the S73 Application 19/00981/OUTMAJ Land South Of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading **APPROVED** – 6 March 2024

SMPC Comments: Whilst the Committee members have no objections in principle to this amendment and consider that the revised wall and landscaping seem a better solution to that proposed in application 23/00297/RESMAJ, they do wish to raise the following issues:

- The Block Plan - Planting and Seeding drawing (ref. 510 rev H) indicates a 'badger sett' (by a section of the proposed wall below plot no 56) which was not shown on previous layouts - can the applicant clarify the meaning of this and what are the implications of badgers being present for this application and the site generally?
- What are the proposals for the maintenance of the retaining wall? (Previous applications have referred to details of maintenance issues (generally) being dealt with in information packs (etc) supplied to new occupants, but what are the arrangements and is this happening?)
- What are the arrangements for maintenance of (a) the public open space, and (b) the SUDS ponds – if there is/are s.106 agreements please supply copies/details (they do not appear to be available via the planning portal).

Finally, as raised in the Committee's comments on application 23/02498/NONMAT and subsequently confirmed by the applicant, we would like to see the link to the future footpath from the south-west corner of the public open space shown on the plans.