

APPENDIX 2

Good Afternoon Caroline,

Thanks very much for coming back to me. I am unable to attend the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 2 July to voice my concerns not only regarding this application but also the Parish Council's process for deciding to support it.

Since Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council class the application in question (Ref: 26/00877/OM) as a major application being for over 10 dwellings I have the following specific questions that I would appreciate a response on: -

1. I note the Parish Council are supporting this application and that it has used its delegated authority to the clerk to make this decision. In the document you sent to me it states that the clerk received no comments from members of the public between 9 June 2026 and 30 June 2026. Could the Parish Council please advise how this statement can be made given that 30 June is tomorrow?
2. I note that if a large contentious application is received and the comment date cannot be changed, an extraordinary meeting can be arranged. Could you please explain why it was thought not to be needed in this case.
3. I also note that of the 9 Parish Councilors only 4 are supportive of this application. This represents less than half so could you please explain how this can be a representative decision?
4. Bearing in mind the closing date for the Parish Council to provide comments is 30 June 2026 I note the document supporting the planning application was published on the Borough Council's planning portal on 18 June 2026 some 12 days before the deadline. Please advise why this was done in this timeframe.
5. By the date of publication of the Parish Council's support on 18 June 2026 there were 11 objections from local residents (many of which are very detailed and well thought through) on the Borough Council's planning portal and as of today there are 17 objections. There are no comments supporting the application. It would seem the Parish Council's view is completely out of step with local residents so could you please advise why none of these objections and comments were taken into account when giving support to the application.
6. I note from item 1 in the Parish Council Meeting Minutes from 4 June 2026 that "Cllr Blunt advised that now the [Development] plan has been adopted it has to be taken into consideration for all planning applications." Accordingly, with respect to the 4 Councilor's who are supporting the application, could they each provide a detailed analysis of how the application fits into The Walpoles Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2036?
7. I note that a previous planning application (22/00293/O) which was for 6 dwellings on land a couple of hundred meters from this proposed development site were objected to by the Parish Council in a two and a half page submission stating a number of reasons that would be relevant to this application. To highlight a couple of the Parish Council's previous comments regarding ribbon vs. backland development and also the development being outside of the permitted development boundary. Could you please advise why none of the concerns that applied to application 22/00293/O apply to this application.

I have submitted my comments to the Borough Council's planning portal objecting to the plans so do not propose to repeat them here.

In light of the above together with the significant nature of this development I would like to formally request that the Parish Council revisits and reconsiders its decision.

Kind Regards