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Sucklings Lane, Little Wratting

Good Afternoon Penny

I have reviewed the amended plans and am pleased to see that following successful discussions with the applicant, it appears they have taken on board the majority of my previous comments in relation to the affordable housing mix, space standards and the need for M4 (3) wheelchair accessible properties in Haverhill. Strategic Housing are therefore in support of this application and the following affordable housing mix;

Rented

2 x 1 bed bungalow

11 x 1 bed flat

8 x 2 bed house

1 x 2 bed FOG

2 x 3 bed bungalow M4 (3)

3 x 4 bed house

1 x 5 bed house

Shared ownership

3 x 2 bed FOG

5 x 2 bed house

3 x 3 bed house

However, I do have one outstanding issue that has not been addressed; the Belmont House Type and I would therefore appreciate it if the applicant could reconsider the layout based on my previous comments. Affordable housing is frequently occupied to maximum capacity. Recently, on a number of developments, RP's have raised concerns with the inclusion of study rooms or extremely small bedrooms meaning that they are unable to let the properties at the intended size or number of person specification. West Suffolk has an increasing need for larger properties, 4 and 5 bedrooms.

I have concerns on whether Bedroom 5 is habitable as a bedroom at around 5.2m2. These dwellings will be occupied to maximum capacity, on average 7 persons and above and therefore it is essential that sufficient liveable space is allowed and accommodates a bed and furniture within the room.

In order to ensure that potential occupiers are not considered to be overcrowded, the recommended minimum single room size is 6.5m2 (Statutory Overcrowding Part 10 of the Housing Act 1985). Statutory overcrowding allows the occupier to make a housing application to the Council for alternative accommodation. Given the size of the room (2.44m x 2.13m) this gives very limited space for even one piece of furniture. The property therefore does not meet the required 5 bedroom need.

Kind Regards Julie

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