

Comments for Planning Application 26/00731/OUT

Application Summary

Application Number: 26/00731/OUT

Address: Sturmer Hall Church Walk Sturmer Essex CB9 7XD

Proposal: Outline application with all matter reserved except access, for the change of use of Sturmer Hall and associated buildings to a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school, erection of new hydrotherapy and wellness centre, 7 no. detached buildings for student accommodation and associated access arrangements.

Case Officer: Harrison Lockwood

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Linda Bevan

Address: Rivendell The Street Sturmer Essex CB9 7XF

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing on behalf of Sturmer Flood Action Group to ask you to approve this application subject to conditions on alleviating flooding in Sturmer.

The development of a Special Needs School as proposed is a good use of the site and will secure the future of it. It will meet the need for Special Needs Education in the area. It will also provide employment. The designs are attractive and sympathetic to the site.

However, we hope that conditions will be attached so that appropriate flood alleviation methods are applied to the additional buildings.

This is because Sturmer is subject to regular flooding. Water runs from the site into a deep ditch along The Baulk and to the A1017. The culvert under the road has often been blocked by silt and debris and this has caused deep flooding on the highway by the pub. This is a danger to vehicles and pedestrians on this A road which carries heavy lorries to and from Haverhill.

After the culvert the water flows past the pub and into a ditch along the amenity walk and many gardens and outhouses are flooded here regularly and sometimes houses are flooded internally.

This flooding is made worse by a cement blockage in the relief arch of Sturmer Station Bridge in Water Lane. The planned replacement of this bridge has been dropped because of lack of funding.