

Statement to be read at Eastern Area Planning Committee 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

(Noted paragraph numbers refer to Planning Officer's report. Please emphasise words in capitals . Thank you)

A Paragraph 6.7: 'front grassed area enhances visual setting' , please note.

B Paragraph 6.8 : 'car parking already available' , yes but discrete, at far side of house. Previous owners used it primarily as access to their garage.

C Paragraph 5.1 : WBC Highways say, 'access acceptable, safety not unduly compromised'. I TOTALLY refute this and it is a serious error caused by no visit to the site. To quote from the Parish Council supplementary response on planning website, 04/03/21: 'the proposed parking arrangements are false and misleading'. Also in appendix 1 : 'no space for turning'. Regarding safety, at certain times of the day , the footpath is a thoroughfare for school children, families, dog walkers and cyclists from surrounding streets.

D Paragraph 6.12, regarding impact on Sandhills Way: no mention of noise disturbance from vehicles accessing driveway late at night and noise from car doors closing. Our bedroom will be very close to the two parked cars. There is an implication that they will be electric, but that cannot be guaranteed . Exhaust fumes have not been mentioned either. We bought our house in the knowledge that Sandhills Way was located in a quiet, CARLESS WALKWAY.

E Paragraph 6.7, last sentence paraphrasing: 'no planning permission required for lawn car park '. This detracts from the problem of entering and particularly reversing out of the lawn car park which would be very awkward for a small car, let alone a larger vehicle. Reversing out from the lawn car park will require three different reversing directions, two on the driveway and at least one on the forecourt, close to the public footpath.

In summary , a PRFOUND, IRREVERSIBLE change to Sandhills Way is being proposed: a WALKWAY is being made into a 'CARWAY'. The 'emotional and environmental harm is being swept aside, as are safety aspects.'

Please note the comments from your 25 residents and the Parish Council, several of whom live on or close to Fords Farm.

MOST of the planning committee and certainly NONE of WBC Highways have visited the site.

Please refuse this application.

Thank you ,