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Application ref 20260736

Kingsberry House (formerly Long Acre) Pear Tree Lane Shorne Gravesend Kent DA12 3JT

Application for the approval of condition 9 attached to planning permission reference number 20221239 relating to a detailed lighting plan.

The Parish Council has some significant concerns about these exterior lighting proposals which are considered to be excessive and in part inappropriate for the nature of the area:

- The rebuilt property is located in a semi-rural location that is presently usually quite dark at night, and where nocturnal light pollution could be detrimental to wildlife, to the ambience of neighbouring and other more distant properties, and to the street scene.
- There is no lighting plan submitted with the application except for page 4 of the lighting proposal sales document, which does not show all of the proposed items.
- A separate properly drawn plan should be submitted along with comprehensive final details of the proposed lighting including detail of how the lights will be operated/controlled.
- The proposals should regardless be revised to be more appropriate in type and extent, designed for a rural area rather than suburban, and to be more unobtrusive particularly when viewed from outside of the property.
- Conditions should be added setting out time limits of operation of all external lighting, including the very short timed PIR-only triggered security lights.

Security lighting:

- The proposal is for eight of 5m high support poles to carry large and strong beamed LED perimeter floodlights.
- It is not clear whether the light fittings are to be single or doubled.
- Four of the poles are to be located deep into the rear garden, the furthest two being in the supposed ecological area where they will also impact on the neighbouring woodland.

- It is not usual for perimeter floodlighting to be used in this way at domestic premises, security lights normally being attached to the building and pointed well downwards so as to illuminate the minimal possible distance from the house.
- We consider that the number of floodlights should be reduced in number and the installation locations and the types be revised.

Garden lighting:

- The proposal is for 12 lights to highlight garden features (8 at the rear and 4 in the front garden), and 31 lanterns on pedestals (21 rear and 10 front).
- This number seems excessive.
- The proposals also show nine lighting zones – three of these are located considerably far down the garden, including one in the ecological area.
- These and the number of light units in general should be reconsidered.

In view of the above we consider that Condition 9 cannot yet be discharged.