

20211478 Little Acres Longfield Avenue

Longfield and New Barn Parish Council

The Longfield and New Barn Parish Council met last night and discussed the application for Little Acres which lies on the parish boundary.

This site is within the Green Belt where development would not normally be granted. The applicant argues that there are Very Special Circumstances as defined in planning due to the need for housing within Gravesham. However, the addition of 16 units would do little to meet the 6,000 plus shortfall in Gravesham, and the development is out of keeping with the local area due to its unacceptable scale and plot coverage. The level of additional vehicles using the local roadwork would be detrimental to the area, and the development would be a major change to the character and appearance of that part of New Barn.

The road in front of the plot is unmade and therefore traffic would be naturally diverted up Longfield Avenue.

The nearest bus stop is a 15-minute uphill walk and the bus service is to be radically reduced by Kent County Council.

The application states that the nearest doctor's surgery is 15 minutes away, which it may be, but it involves walking down a country lane with no lighting, no footpath/pavement and when returning, the gradient on the hill to that plot is extremely high challenging the fittest person.

Taking all these issues into account, the Longfield and New Barn Parish Council strongly objects to this application for the reasons given above.