

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS A PLANNING ISSUE HELD ON SATURDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT 11.00 am.

Present were Mr M Chambers (In the Chair), Cllr S Allen, Cllr G Elsey, Mr P Froggitt, Mrs J Goode, Mr C Long, Mr R Hammerton, Mrs D Sandles, Mr S Warren and Mr S Watts.

There were 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs J Farnham and Cllr J Stokes.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – There were none.
3. **Planning Application**

11/01598/HHFUL – Extension at 39 Dunblane Drive, Orton Southgate.

The first part of the meeting was allotted for the members of public to view the plans and make their representations to the Parish Council.

The members of the Council then considered the application. Mr Chambers proposed that the Parish Council objects on the following grounds:

1. The proposed extension would create a 7/8 bedroomed house (2 rooms in the roof space) and by virtue of its size, and the close proximity of the garage extension to the neighbouring dwelling, this would be an overdevelopment of the available space and detract from the appearance of the street scene and be out of character with the area.
2. The extra windows in the new upper floor would overlook the properties to the rear and, where previously there was light coming over the top of the single storey garage, this light would be obscured by the addition of another storey, to the detriment of the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties to the rear.
3. The access to the property is via a shared driveway with 3 properties. The property is at the farthest end and vehicle movement is past the other properties. There is already congestion since the property has sufficient off road parking for 5 vehicles. Extending the property to a potential 8-bedroomed dwelling could result in an increase of vehicles and subsequent vehicular movements past the adjacent properties to the detriment of the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties.
4. The Parish Council is surprised that a food preparation room is necessary in a residential dwelling where there is already a large kitchen. Should the application be granted, the Parish Council would like a condition attached to the effect that it should be for domestic use only, since the potential smell and fumes from commercial cooking would be detrimental to the neighbours' enjoyment of their property. The Parish Council is aware that the applicant owns a retail business in the area.

This motion was seconded by Cllr Allen and carried.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.