Design Expectations Validation Form 1 (DEVF1)

If you consider a question not relevant, please explain why the question is not relevant as this can be just as informative to the design process. This document does not seek to find a version of what is good design, only that your version of good and sustainable design can be understood better. Take this opportunity to provide the reasoning as to why positive design choices have been made and explain why others have not. If you use this document as the form, please expand the boxes as needed.

1. (ALL) How has the site and its context been appraised, identifying all the factors that contribute to its character and locality, as well as other planned development? The proposed changes are minor and do not have an impact on the character and locality of the development

2. (ALL) Has the local community been consulted and participated in the design and layout process? Can evidence be provided of this involvement and what changed as a result? The local community will be consulted on the changes as part of the planning application process

3. (ALL) Has a constraints and opportunities plan been produced and how has this been considered in relation to the proposal?

The minor changes proposed do not impact the constraints and opportunities of this application site.

4. (RES & FUL) Has there been a topographical survey to ensure any design is a true representation of the existing and proposed site levels to ensure design opportunities and constraints of different levels are explored, including understanding of relationships with neighbouring dwellings?

The existing topographical survey of the site has been used to ensure the plans are approriate.

5. (ALL) Have appropriate investigations been undertaken to establish historic and archaeological value and what enhancement is proposed?

Archaeological investigations have been undertaken across the site.

6. (ALL) Have steps been taken to ensure the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and habitats found on site and how?

There is no change which will impact the wildlife across the site from the approved scheme.

7. (RES & FUL) Please state if there will be Hedgehog friendly fencing installed, Owl, Swift, Bat or other Bird Boxes and/or Bee Bricks included and how?

The site was considered to be of limited ecological value during the approved application. The minor changes proposed do not change the previous assessment of the impacts on biodiversity.

8. (ALL) Will the proposals lead to an increase in biodiversity value and how will this be achieved?

achieved? The additional tree and landscaping agreed in the extant permission is considered to increase biodiversity value on the site.

9. (ALL) Are the proposals a compatible and quality response to landscape/townscape character, including the scale of the buildings, streets, landscape and roofscape, as identified in the Landscape Character Assessment, Conservation Area Character Appraisal, Village Design Statement, Neighbourhood Plan

The proposed changes are minor and will not impact the local character.

10. (ALL) Is the use and amount of development appropriate to the site's accessibility to jobs, shops, local services, community facilities and the frequency of public transport service? There is no change to the amount of development which has been approved

11. (ALL, Majors, Dwellings) Where residential development is proposed does the development offer a mix of residential types and tenures that reflect the needs of the locality, including affordable housing, (which is indistinguishable from the general housing)? The mix of houses has not changed from the approved scheme

12. (ALL and Majors) Has an appropriate analysis been undertaken of the environmental constraints and opportunities on the site and have the findings informed the development of green infrastructure proposals for the site? Does the development provide private open

space and/or communal open space of sufficient size to meet the needs of the future
community? The minor changes proposed by this variation will not have any change to the impact on the
environmental constraints or opportunities

13. (ALL) Where opportunities exist, does the development provide safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists that connect into the wider green infrastructure, and are these appropriately combined with routes to other services and amenities? The proposal provides safe access onto Church Road for cyclists and pedestrians.

14. (ALL and Majors) Where SuDs are to be integrated as part of the public open space,

explain how does the design allow for safe duel use?

A drainage plan proposal is submitted with this variation application.

15. (ALL) Is there an implementable energy strategy that forms part of the design and minimises energy demand for the site through layout, building orientation, landscaping, includes natural ventilation and passive solar design?

This variation application does not seek to change the layout or design significantly of the approved scheme.

16. (ALL, Majors) How has provision been made for managing flood risk and water resources (e.g. sustainable drainage systems, harvesting rainwater and grey water recycling schemes) and is there opportunity for betterment in doing more than mitigating net increase of flooding?

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17. (RES & FUL) How does the development allow for at least three bins per dwelling (each capable of 350litres) and these can be removed easily from street frontage and public view when not bin collection day. Does development or surrounding roads allow for Bin collection areas and access of refuse vehicles to take place while ensuring good design is maintained? Bin storage and presentation areas have been included in the updated designs.

18. (RES & FUL Dwellings) Does the development ensure the provision of at least one composting area per dwelling?

The houses have generous private gardens with ample room for composting areas should these be required

19. (RES & FUL, Dwellings) What are your U values, Air pressure test and your thermal bridging targets for the development (part of TFEE (Target fabric energy efficiency))? This will conform with the required energy standards.

20. (RES & FUL) Does the development include on-site energy production from renewable sources, that will reduce CO2 emissions from energy use by users of the buildings? There is no change with regarding the on-site electrical generation to the approved scheme.

21. (OUT when access and/or layout included, RES & FUL) How will the proposed layout contribute to a network of connected streets and open spaces that also, where opportunities exist, connect to existing patterns of streets and open spaces or is there any reason not to do this?

The layout is not amended by this variation application.

22. (RES & FUL, Major Dwellings) Is there a clear hierarchy of streets and open spaces, each with a clear 'desired character' (the desired character should inform the road design and not the other way around), which are designed to have appropriate traffic speeds? There is no change to the layout in this variation application.

23. (RES & FUL and OUT if landscaping and/or layout is included) How do the proposals clearly define public space from private, work or play spaces and these can recognised by clear boundary treatments and be well defined by active frontage such as front doors, windows, shopfronts etc. that are interesting and varied, that provide supervision as well as respecting each other?

Each house has a private garden area and a communal access to the highway.

24. (RES & FUL, Major) Do the areas of open space (squares, parks, formal/informal spaces and play areas etc.), together with the streets, form a public realm that is integral to the development and respects and enhances its surroundings?

There is no change to the areas of open space from the approved design.

25. (RES & FUL, Major, Dwellings) Have the ground surfaces, kerbs, changes of levels, lighting, public art, landscape, public seating and street furniture, together with utility boxes, cables, signage and poles, been designed into the street and/or public space to avoid clutter? And do they respect, integrate into and/or enhance the character of the area?

There is no change to the approved scheme regarding this topic

26. (All, Major) Has an opportunity to make a contribution to public art on site been taken? N/A

27. (RES & FUL, Major) Is the proposed development easy to get to and move through for cyclists and pedestrians as a priority and how is this achieved?

Yes, communal drive area and footpath connectivity.

28. (RES & FUL and if roads included in proposal) How are the roads designed for low traffic speeds as well as being pedestrian and cycle friendly?

29. (RES & FUL) How are the parked vehicles well integrated so that they do not dominate the street scene and/or other spaces?

Parked vehicles are positioned on private drives set back from the road.

30. (RES & FUL) Does the development include tandem parking (of three spaces or more)? No.

31. (ALL) Is there electric charging points available for each occupier of the development? No change to the approved scheme

32. (RES & FUL) How do the landscape proposals fit with and enhance the character of the site and its setting, including pattern, layout, materials, and choice of species? How do the landscape proposals mitigate visual impact, and are they in scale with the proposed

development?

No change to the approved scheme

33. (RES & FUL) Have the proposals for planting, building layout and service runs been checked against each other to ensure they do not conflict?

The project architect has confirmed this is not an issue.

34. (RES & FUL) Are the landscape proposals designed to be robust and survive long term, easy to maintain and have space to grow while avoid conflict with occupiers? No change to the approved scheme

35. (RES & FUL) Does the overall design and juxtaposition of buildings and spaces ensure that there are no potential entrapment spots, including hiding spaces and secluded areas, where crime and antisocial behaviour could occur?

No change to the approved scheme

36. (RES & FUL) How will the specification of the boundary treatments, windows, doors and garage doors, together with their associated locks, secure an area and/or building in a manner that respects and enhances the character of an area?

No change to the approved scheme

37. (RES & FUL) How have materials been selected and detailed to respect and enhance the local character and be of good quality in themselves

The materials proposed are high quality and respect and enhance the local character.

38. (RES & FUL) What brick bond/s is/are proposed for the building/s proposed and was there a reason for the choice.

Stretcher bond on brick plinth

39. (RES & FUL) Are windows to be recessed or flush or a mix of both approaches? Windows are flush. Some properties have protruding bay windows

40. (RES & FUL) How has the building(s) been designed so that all people can easily access it (eg is the entrance obvious), and easily move within it? Has the building(s) been designed to allow easy adaptation, conversion or extension and allow access for mobility issues? Yes

41. (RES & FUL, Major) Has the building(s) design (regardless of any name change) been used before in East Anglia the last twenty years. When and where has this taken place and why is it appropriate for reuse in this location in relation to local distinctiveness? No

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