

Ref. No: PL/19/4152/FA 1 Stockwells Taplow
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

The Hitcham and Taplow Society objects to this application.

The Society has been in existence for 60 years. It has a main objective to ensure that all development within the district is of the highest standard and preserves the quality of the environment. It represents a significant proportion of the residents of Taplow.

Our principal objection is to the gross intrusion the proposed extension would create in the setting of Stockwells in relation to Berry Hill within the Green Belt.

Essentially similar applications (09/01110/FU and: PL/19/0620/FA) were previously rejected. The great bulk of the case officer's objections in these cases remain perfectly sound. The applicant appears to suggest that changes to the NPPF and the existence of a draft new Local Plan materially affect these objections. We do not accept this. The Local Plan referred to by the applicant is in draft form only, being assessed by inspectors and is not currently part of planning policy. Even it were to be in force, its changes relating to infilling do not affect the criteria against which earlier, similar, applications were rejected.

No new exceptional circumstances have arisen since the earlier rejection and SBDC housing policy as reflected in both the current and emerging Local Plans is being adequately met elsewhere. In particular Taplow has already contributed some 300 new dwellings since the start of the period of the emerging Local Plan in 2016.

The application should be rejected.

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