

Comments for Planning Application 19/01178/PPP

Application Summary

Application Number: 19/01178/PPP

Address: Land North East Of Maxton House St Boswells Scottish Borders

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

Case Officer: Julie Hayward

Customer Details

Name: Dr Anna Dall

Address: Maxton House, Maxton, St Boswells Melrose, Scottish Borders TD6 0EX

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 7th September 2019

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Dear Sir / Madam

I write in support of the planning application for a dwelling house to be erected in our field.

I live in Maxton House together with my husband and our 4 children. We border some beautiful houses, some of a similar vintage to our own, others built much more recently. With careful positioning, even the more incongruent additions have had minimal impact on the overall look of the surrounding area and I believe the proposed site and building would achieve the same.

My sister and brother in law (Alison and Richard Thomas) have applied for outline planning with our full support. Our motivation to explore that site was a desire to live close to each other, share everyday life and allow our children to grow up in each other's company. We have no interest in selling the land on to a third party or further developing the site in question.

The site is on a gentle slope which will help nestle the building in and keep it as low a profile as possible. The design given is indicative. It demonstrates the key features that would be reflected in the final build - careful and intelligent modern design, high quality and ecologically sound. Knowing Ali and Rich's eye for design and attention to detail, I anticipate the end result will be something amazing and quite beautiful. Even so, we do not anticipate it will be visible from any of the surrounding dwellings and visible to the north east only from the outer boundary of that property.

This was one of the primary concerns when selecting the site in the first place.

Ali and Rich are keen to landscape and enhance the surrounding grounds and would look to plant trees to screen the build further from view. As current owners we would be happy to facilitate planting in advance of any building work. This could be explored together with our neighbours to ensure it was done in a mutually acceptable way.

I do not anticipate the proposed access to Kirk Road will pose a problem. The neighbouring property to the south west has a large hedge which reduces visibility of the road in that direction. The view could easily be restored by a simple mirror placed on the opposite side of the road. Other houses in the immediate area, including those whose drives open on to the busier A699, use the same approach.

Living so close to the village, the local school and to the borders bus service, many journeys can be made without a car. When transport is required, we are in a great position to car share with 3 adjacent neighbours with kids of similar age.

We would be happy to meet with any members of the planning team to discuss in more detail.

Yours Sincerely

Anna Dall