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**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 78**  
Dear Sir/Madam

Date : 6 September 2018

APPEAL BY: Mrs M Jones  
PROPOSAL : Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 8 new dwellings  
**PLANNING NO: 17/03101/FUL Full Planning**  
**INSPECTORATE NO: APP/K0235/W/18/3202507**  
LOCATION : Biddenham House 2 Gold Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AJ

I am required to notify you that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the above site, under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act of 1990.

The appeal follows the refusal of planning permission by this Council. The Council's reasons for refusing the application are attached for your information.

The appeal is to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties and a site inspection by an Inspector.

**Comments must not be sent to BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

**Please send 3 copies to the Inspectorate by 10.10.2018 quoting ref APP/K0235/W/18/3202507** at [www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate](http://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate) or in writing to: **The Planning Inspectorate c/o , Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN**. Using these contact details you can also withdraw or modify your comments made on the original application for planning permission which will have been forwarded to the Inspectorate and along with any subsequent comments on the Appeal, will be copied to the Appellant and taken into account by the Inspector deciding the appeal. Any representations received after the deadline will be returned.

**1. Online you can view the Appellant's Grounds of Appeal and Appeal form as follows:**

*Further documentation will be added during the Appeal. For operational reasons the Statements for Hearings and Proofs of evidence (for Public Inquiries) are not online until the end of the Appeal.*

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Yours faithfully

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## **REASONS**

- 1 The proposed development will impact on designated urban open space to the detriment of the character and appearance of the local area. It is therefore contrary to policy AD43 of the Allocations and Designations Plan 2013.
- 2 The proposal will result in the total loss of a non-designated heritage asset which makes a positive contribution to Biddenham Conservation Area. The proposed development also fails to maintain, preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area, setting of the listed buildings or the Area of Archaeological Interest. It is therefore contrary to policies BE9, BE11, BE13, BE21 and BE24 of the Bedford Local Plan 2002 and policies CP21 and CP23 of the Core Strategy and Rural Issues Plan 2008.
- 3 The proposed development would, by virtue of its substandard design and layout give rise to a form of development which is contrary to saved policy BE30 iv), v) and vi) of the Bedford Borough Local Plan 2002 and advice within Manual for Streets.
- 4 The applicant has not included adequate provision for a satisfactory turning space within the site. The resultant reversing of vehicles onto or off the highway would lead to danger and inconvenience to users of the highway. The development is therefore contrary to saved policy BE30 iv) and vi) of the Bedford Borough Local Plan 2002.
- 5 The scale, design and layout of the proposed development is considered to be out of character with the local area and if permitted would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area. It is therefore considered to be contrary to policies BE29, BE30 (i, ii, x), BE35, BE37 (i) and H38 (ii, iii, vi) of the Bedford Local Plan 2002 and policy CP21 of the Core Strategy and Rural Issues Plan 2008.

## **IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE:-**

In dealing with this application, the local planning authority, where possible, has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner based on seeking solutions to problems arising in relation to dealing with the application. The issues that were the focus of that process are set out below. Where it has not been possible, within the set time for dealing with the application, to achieve a positive outcome, the reasons for refusal or conditions imposed on any permission have been fully explained in this Notice.

### **Issues raised:**

1. The development is considered to be wholly unacceptable and therefore it is recommended that a pre-application enquiry is submitted prior to the submission of any further planning applications.