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Notice of Proposed Development by Priority Services Unit, North West Hertfordshire Health Authority, on behalf of N.W. Thames Regional Health Authority.

Apsley End Vicarage - Change of Use to Nursing Home

The Priority Services Unit, NWHHA, is proposing to develop the property known as The Vicarage at Apsley End for use as a nursing home. Such a development represents a change of use from its existing use as a single family dwelling house and would normally require planning permission. The Dacorum Planning Department is therefore requested to comment on suitability of the property, in planning terms, for such use and to seek the views of the public.

General Particulars

1. The area of the site is about 1¼ hectares.
2. NWHHA is the owner and acquired the land in 1989.
3. The total floor area of the buildings on the site is approximately 330 sq. m. The house covers some 139 sq. m.
4. Existing garage parking can accommodate 3 cars. Additional car parking is available within the curtilage of the site.
5. The disposal of sewage is by septic tank.

Attachments

1. Four copies of the location plan.
2. Four copies of paper providing further details of the proposed use.
3. Four copies of floor plans for the house (to be forwarded in 2 - 3 weeks time).

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Dear Sir

ST MARY'S VICARAGE, APSLEY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
USE OF DWELLING AS NURSING HOME

I refer to the Notice of Proposed Development Under Circular 18/84 submitted in respect of the above proposal and received on 6 October 1989. The matter was discussed at the meeting of my Council's Development Control Committee on 9 November.

After a long discussion, during which the views of local residents were taken into account, it was resolved that no objection be raised on purely planning grounds. The Committee were, however, seriously concerned that possible social implications may result, and would request the Health Authority to ensure that prior to the development taking place, due consideration be given to the fears expressed by many local inhabitants, and that every effort be made to ensure that adequate consultation and publicity occurs.

Insofar as Annex A of the Notice is concerned there are no questions which would receive an affirmative answer although it is understood that, in respect of Question 6, there may be problems related to drainage and disposal of sewage.

I trust the above response will enable you to make a reasoned assessment of the viability of the proposal in terms of both the social and physical environment.

Yours faithfully


CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER