

Report of the Assistant Director - Regeneration

Committee Site Visit at the Royal School for the Deaf – 17 July 2006

RECOMMENDATION

1.1 To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 On Monday 17 July a Committee site inspection was held at the Royal School for the Deaf to assess the context of a major planning application, code no. DER/406/594, for the erection of 18 town houses and six apartments. The application site currently accommodates the college buildings associated with the school and covers an irregular area of approximately 0.62 ha. The proposed development comprises the following:
 - the erection of 14 x3 bedroom 3 storey town houses with integral garages;
 - the erection of 4 x 3 bedroom 3 storey town house with detached garages; and,
 - the erection of 6 x 2 bedroom 3 storey apartments to be located in a single block in the front western corner of the site.
- 2.2 Members who attended the site visit were able to fully assess the content of the application within the context of the site and the street-scene. Members will be familiar with the TPO (No. 456) on the site which was confirmed at the last meeting. Attention was devoted to the site and its access together with the frontage trees onto Ashbourne Road and the interior trees on the site. Members also had the opportunity to question the applicant's agent about certain aspects of the proposal.
- 2.3 The Members present were Councillors Baxter, Samra, Travis, Wynn, Richards, Bolton, Carr and Poulter.

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Background papers:	None.		
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications		

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. The site visits are attended by the case officer.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

4. Attendance at the site meeting enables Members to fully appreciate the content of major proposals that could aid the Council's objective of creating a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy.