

DC/25/1353/VOC

Variation of Condition 4 of DC/23/2450/FUL - Single storey rear extension, rebuild of side extension, new parking - reposition of access ramp against boundary wall.

‘Millside’ The Street Walberswick Southwold Suffolk IP18 6UE

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1. Opinion

The application should be **withdrawn** for ESC to assess its status.

2. Description

The applicants state they wish the condition number 4 to be changed. Exposure of the foundations of the existing house during the works meant that the proposed ramp to the rear garden could not be accommodated as shown on the numbered drawing specified in the permission. It was repositioned against the front boundary wall. This was done in agreement with the neighbouring property. Acceptance of a revised drawing reflecting completed works on site is now requested.

3. Comment

In terms of those design issues, the PAG felt that the ‘Millside’ parking arrangements and the solution proposed detracted from the visual amenity of the original unaltered property. That view is maintained regarding the now implemented scheme.

The scheme now proposed / has been implemented is not simply a variation of condition, it is a retrospective application for something not on the original plans. As such it is regrettable that this situation was not regularised at the time of construction. There would have been ample time to submit any variation as construction was taking place; the scheme has been ostensibly complete for some months.

4. Summary

The proposals in the submitted VOC are what has been built. The PAG’s original view on the parking and access situation was that the design was regrettable and detracted from the street scene and Conservation Area. This is still the case.

East Suffolk Council should be asked to clarify whether this is a VOC or retrospective application, and potentially invite a proper application that can be assessed by interested parties.