

Planning Advisory Group: report to Walberswick Parish Council

DC/22/4246/FUL

'Outdoor swimming pool'
Admiral House The Street Walberswick Southwold Suffolk IP18 6UE

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1. Summary and Opinion

The PAG have concerns regarding this application, specifically the impact of noise and light pollution on the amenity of neighbours, residents and visitors to the village and considers that it should be **refused**.

2. Description

Admiral House is two storied and set back on a generously sized site to the north of The Street, and just west of Millfield Road. It is in an AONB and lies within a group of unlisted houses which make a positive contribution to the Conservation area. Scaling from the drawing, the proposed swimming pool appears large - some 13 meters long (42 feet) and is hard up against the street boundary.

3 Impact

Experience shows that the users of swimming pools generate a great deal of noise. In addition to the disturbance this will cause to neighbours, being immediately next to the rather narrow street, the considerable number of residents and visitors walking along will also have their peace disturbed and will be distracted from their enjoyment of the Walberswick Conservation Area at this point.

Similarly because of the closeness of the pool to the road, the illumination of the pool could also cause substantial light pollution.

4. Summary and Opinion.

As can be seen from paragraph 3 above, the proposal would not comply with ESC document 'Residential Amenity' 11.18 nor with policy SCLP11.2 items (d and (f, and should be **refused**.

5 Addendum to the report

Extract from Local Plan

Residential Amenity

11.18 The planning system plays an important role in safeguarding the quality of life of residents of the area. New development of any type is required to be located and designed with regard to the amenity of both existing and future residents to avoid generating significant harmful effects. Harmful effects can include those arising from overlooking, loss

of privacy, noise, dour and light pollution and overbearing development. Residential amenity can be affected by individual developments or, as a result of cumulative impacts. There is a need to consider impacts on the development as well as from the development.

Policy SCLP11.2: Residential Amenity

When considering the impact of development on residential amenity, the Council will have regard to the following:

- a) Privacy/overlooking;*
- b) Outlook;*
- c) Access to daylight and sunlight;*
- d) Noise and disturbance;*
- e) The resulting physical relationship with other properties;*
- f) Light spillage;*
- g) Air quality and other forms of pollution; and*
- h) Safety and security.*

Development will provide for adequate living conditions for future occupiers and will not cause an unacceptable loss of amenity for existing or future occupiers of development in the vicinity.