Planning Advisory Group: Report to Walberswick Parish Council

Planning Application ref DC/16/1739/FUL
The House on the Green, Walberswick IP18 6TT

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1 The House on the Green is prominently sited within the Conservation Area overlooking the upper end of the green. The house is described and illustrated in the Conservation Area Appraisal as a 'high status early eighteenth century or earlier detached dwelling.' It has a simple understated quality which contributes positively to the character of the Conservation Area.

The house has been the subject of a number of planning applications in the last year, the most recent of which seeks retrospective approval for the construction of a Summer House in the garden, erected in March this year without planning permission.

- 2 The application contains little or no information about the Summer House. The site plan does not show the siting of the building and there are no other plans, sections or elevations on the District Council's website to indicate its scale or appearance, despite a statement to the contrary in the application form. Reference is made to drawing 5923/4 for information about the materials for walls, roof, windows and doors but the drawing has not been provided.
- 3 The Summer House is not visible from the green and therefore will have little impact on the public aspect of the Conservation Area. However, the building may well have a significant impact on adjoining owners, both visually and in terms of its use. Noise and light pollution may detract from the amenity of neighbours as much as the scale and dominance of the building. The lack of information makes it impossible to assess these considerations and results in a pointless exercise in consultation.