

19^h May, 2008

Mr P Ridley
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Dear Mr Ridley

Planning Applications C/08/0762/ – Shollond Hill, Levington Road, Nacton – Demolition of existing house and erection of dwelling house, outbuildings and swimming pool.

1. The Suffolk Preservation Society (the Society) are pleased to be able to submit the following representations aimed at assisting the LPA in its determination of the above application. It would ask they are conveyed in their entirety to Members of the appropriate committee for consideration.

2. The existing building is mentioned in Nikolaus Pevsner book 'The Building of England – Suffolk' – page 370, when it states:

“Good one-storey modern house, 1955 by D. E. Harding. A specially nice colour scheme; brick painted grey, the gables purple, the eaves and soffits lime-green, May the colours last.”

3. The Society would ask the Council and LPA to check formally with English Heritage to see if the building, given this description is listable before determining the application.

4. If the building is listable or listed, then the application should be refused.

5. If the building is not listable or listed (and the Society would ask to see evidence of such an assessment) then the LPA should seek the retention of the building and its proper and sympathetic repair. To facilitate the needs of the new owners and to help with retention and repair the Society would not be adverse to a sympathetic well designed appropriated located, scaled and detailed modest extension

6. If the applicant is unprepared to retain this important building and the application has to be determined in its current state then it needs to be determined in accordance with guidance of PPS1 paragraph 34 which states:-

DESIGN

“.....Design which is inappropriate in its context, or which fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions, should not be accepted.”

The Society suggests the proposal is both inappropriate in its context and fails to take the opportunity available for improving the character and quality of the area and potentially does the very reverse. It should therefore be refused.

7. The Society would ask to be kept informed on the processing and determination of this application and to be notified of the final decision and reasons for that decision.

Yours sincerely

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