



Longridge Town Council

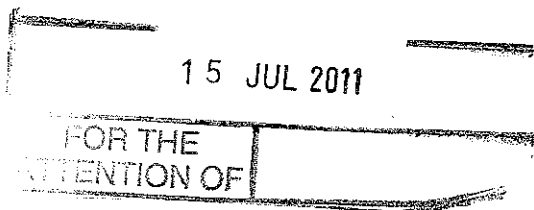
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Dear Ms Tucker,

Following the meeting of Longridge Town Council on Wednesday 13th of July 2011, I am directed to inform you of the Council's comments as follows:

Application No.	Location
3/2011/0445	Land adjacent to Enterprise Works Warwick Street, Longridge, PR3 3EB
Proposal	
Erection of commercial unit with offices at first floor level and partial demolition of existing structures. Internal alterations and change of use of existing commercial unit as carpet and bedroom showroom and formation of fire escape and revised car parking layout.	
Town Council Comments	
Town Councillors resolved that they had no objection to this application and were pleased to note that the car park layout had been improved.	

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Application No.	Location
3/2011/0462	Mossfield, Alston Lane, Longridge, PR3 3BN
Proposal	
New agricultural storage building for feed, implements & machinery.	
Town Council Comments	
It was resolved that the Council has no objection to this application.	

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Application No.	Location
3/2011/0475	E H Booth & Co Ltd, Berry Lane, Longridge, PR3 3NH

Proposal

New link between existing Spar/Subway building and existing Booths sales building. Extension of existing Booths sales building to the west to provide support facilities to hot & cold food counters. Relining part of east car park to provide a safe loading area for goods vehicles, new disabled and parent & child car parking, and new parking in lieu of recycling point. Rendering of east Booths wall with access to car park.

Town Council Comments

It was resolved that the Council has **no objection** to this application, but the following points should be addressed if approval is to be granted.

1. Councillors fully endorse the concerns of the Longridge Heritage Committee about the proposal to render 'East Booths wall'. This wall is the last remaining part of the Crumpax (Crampoaks) cotton mill of 1851, and if concealed would be a sad loss to the Town's heritage. The wall still features the stone and the alterations that have been made to it in the past. The Town Council supports the Heritage Committee suggestion that when the new access door is put in the wall it would be much more appropriate for the wall to be re-pointed so that this evidence remains visible. The wall features on the Longridge Town heritage trails and is regarded as an integral part of the history of the town.
2. The Longridge Heritage Committee also draw attention to the external lighting around Booths premises which is left switched on throughout the night and is regarded as extremely bright. The Town Council supports the Heritage Committee concern and suggests that the proposed development provides an opportunity for a reduction in energy use and light pollution by reviewing the time the lights are used at night, and considering the use of lighting triggered by movement sensors.
3. Full consideration must be given to the potential for causing nuisance and disturbance to the neighbouring residential area. This includes sensitive location and sound insulation of machinery for heating, air conditioning and refrigeration etc. Loading times should be restricted to reasonable hours i.e. not during the night or early morning. Efforts should be made to reduce light pollution from the site. Any external staff smoking area should be located where noise and smoke will not interfere with any neighbour's enjoyment of their home.

Application No.	Location
3/2011/0476	E H Booth & Co Ltd, Berry Lane, Longridge, PR3 3NH

Proposal

Two externally illuminated fascia signs.

Town Council Comments

It was resolved that the Council has **no objection** to this application subject to the general comment at point 2 above (application no. 3/2011/0475) about light pollution. It is suggested that if approval is to be granted this should be conditional on the illuminated signs being switched off when the shop is closed to customers.

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Application No.	Location
3/2011/0453	16 Crumpax Meadow, Longridge, PR3 3JG
Proposal	
Rear bedroom extension with a new window opening to the garden side elevation.	
Town Council Comments	
It was resolved that the Council has no objection to this application subject to there being full consultation with neighbours and the extension being constructed of materials sensitive to those used for the original property.	

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Application No.	Location
3/2011/0457	Gypsy Cottage, Alston Lane, Longridge, PR3 3BN
Proposal	
Change of use of holiday let to permanent residential use.	
Town Council Comments	
It was resolved that the Council objects to this application as this will result in a reduction in the stock of holiday accommodation available within the Ribble Valley. Councillors observe that the application does not refer to any changes which make redundant the original planning permission for holiday letting.	

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Application No.	Location
3/2011/0465	Stone Bridge Mill, Preston Road, Longridge, PR3 3AN
Proposal	
Change of use of land to form new vehicle access road off the highway to serve the commercial units.	
Town Council Comments	
It was resolved that the Council has no objection to this application, and regards the proposed development to be of significant benefit to the local area.	

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Application No.	Location
3/2011/0499	42 Berry Lane, Longridge, PR3 3JJ
Proposal	
New shop front and access ramp, steps and railings.	
Town Council Comments	
It was resolved that the Council has no objection to this application.	

Yours sincerely



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Town Clerk