

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE ON APPLICATIONS**

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Applic. No.	16/01972/FULLS	Case Officer:	Ms Kirstie Sessford
Proposal	Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of 4-bedroom detached residential dwelling house and associated landscape works.		
Site	Amberley, Braishfield Road, Braishfield, <b>BRAISHFIELD</b>		
Expiry Date	16 September 2016		

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**BRAISHFIELD Parish Council** has considered the above submitted proposal and makes the following observation.

**OBJECTION**

The council made reference to the Local Plan and Braishfield Village Design Statement (VDS) (still relevant, and adopted by Test Valley Borough Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance), and voted unanimously to object most strongly, to this unnecessary planning application for the following reasons:

1. Backland development

- a. It is back land development contrary to the VDS Settlement Pattern: Item 10 and 11., and, if permitted will create a dangerous precedent for equally unacceptable areas of other similarly available open land in Braishfield. The VDS concept of retaining open spaces in our village is seriously challenged by this development and Villagers are concerned that their views are being ignored.

*“To protect the open space nature of the village, backland development - building in the open spaces behind houses or in gardens - should be discouraged and strictly controlled.” Braishfield Village Design Statement*

2. Design

- a. The area is characterised by large houses, standing in proportionately sized gardens, with space all around. As a singularly unique, and out of place, jarringly modernistic design, located on the highest ground within Braishfield’s Conservation Area, it fails spectacularly to fit into the character of its immediate surroundings and is counter to the VDS Buildings concept in Items: 12,14,17, 18, 22, 23, 28 and importantly, 29.

This proposed development threatens the whole character of Braishfield, represents a serious threat to the character of our village and is in conflict with much of Test Valley’s Planning Policy already highlighted by the large number of neighbourhood objectors.

Clerk to Braishfield Parish Council, 7/9/2016