

**REPORT TO:** Development Management Committee

**DATE:** 15 January 2024

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Executive Director – Environment & Regeneration

**SUBJECT:** Planning Applications to be Determined by the Committee – AB Update List

**WARD(S):** Boroughwide

<b>PAGE NO.</b>	<b>LIST A*</b>	<b>LIST B**</b>	<b>Updated Information</b>
11		22/00423/OUTEIA	<p>To update members in relation to heritage, the committee report concludes that the identified assets make a positive contribution to the character of the area and that the proposal would have an indirect minor adverse impact on their setting.</p> <p>To explain this further, Chapter 8 of the submitted Environmental Impact Assessment states that an EIA Scoping exercise was undertaken in relation to designated and non-designated built heritage assets. There are no listed buildings within the study area; the Halebank Conservation Area is located to the north-west of the site and four potential non-designated built assets were identified as worthy of assessment. The built heritage assets with the potential to be affected by the proposed development are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Halebank Conservation Area</li> <li>- The Beehive Public House</li> <li>- Hope Farm</li> <li>- Mill Farm</li> <li>- Middlefield Farm</li> </ul> <p>The desk-based assessment concluded that in all cases, apart from Mill Farm, the site forms part of the wider agricultural setting to these assets and that the development site does not contribute to the asset's significance. It concluded that no further assessments are required in relation to the Beehive Public House, Hope Farm and Middlefield Farm.</p>

			<p>The desk-based assessment identified that the application site, in its present state, makes a positive contribution to the significance of the Halebank Conservation Area and Mill Farm. Therefore development of the site may have a negative impact on the setting of the Halebank Conservation Area and Mill Farm. A change in the appearance of the development site whilst it is under construction will result in a change in the wider setting of the conservation area. The submitted report states that the contribution that the development site makes to the setting of the Conservation Area is considered minor and therefore the proposed development will not result in a significant change to the significance of the conservation area or how it is experienced. If no mitigation strategy were adopted the proposed development would result in a temporary, indirect adverse effect of minor significance. This effect would be redundant once the construction period ends.</p> <p>Mill Farm is not a listed building and there is no local listing for the area, however it is noted that the farmhouse is present on the tithe map and as such may be considered a non-designated heritage asset. The development site is considered to form part of the asset's wider surroundings and agricultural setting and makes a very minor contribution to the asset's significance. Again, a change in the development site's appearance whilst it is under construction will result in a change in the wider setting of Mill Farm. The contribution that the development site makes to the setting of the farm is considered minor and therefore the development will not result in a significant change to the significance of the farm or how it is experienced. If no mitigation strategy were adopted the proposed development would result in a temporary, indirect adverse effect of minor significance. This effect would also be redundant once the construction period ends.</p> <p>A change in the appearance of the site once development is complete will result in a change in the wider setting of the Conservation Area and Mill Farm. The development site forms part of the wider</p>
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**\* LIST A items are those items that are not considered to raise significant issues that require further explanation. Members have a full report and these items are not anticipated to initiate further discussion. List A items are considered at the start of the meeting unless a Member specifically requests that an item be moved to List B.**

**\*\* LIST B items are those items which are considered to raise more potentially significant issues, that may warrant further update, explanation, discussion or other announcement. List B items may also have speakers registered who wish to address the committee.**

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**Note:- Background Papers**

With respect to all applications to be determined by the Committee, the submitted planning applications are background papers to the report. Other background papers specifically mentioned and listed within the report are open to inspection by contacting [Dev.control@halton.gov.uk](mailto:Dev.control@halton.gov.uk) in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.