Planning Officer's Report - LDCA MAY 2023

APPLICATION 2023/13 – Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling

PERMISSION SOUGHT Full Permission

REGISTERED 9th March 2023

APPLICANT Mara Obey

PARCEL LWN0492

LOCALITY Mulberry Gut, Longwood

ZONE Intermediate Zone

CONSERVATION AREA None

CURRENT USE Vacant

PUBLICITY The application was advertised as follows:

Independent Newspaper on 10th March 2023

A site notice displayed in accordance with Regulations.

EXPIRY 24th March 2023

REPRESENTATIONS None Received

DECISION ROUTE Delegated / LDCA / EXCO

A. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Sewage & Water Division
Energy Division
Fire & Rescue
No Objection
No Response

Roads Section
Property Division
No Objection - Comments
No Objection - Comments

6. Environmental Management No Response
7. Public Health No Response
8. Agriculture & Natural Resources No Response

9. St Helena Police Services No Objection - Comments

Aerodrome Safe Guarding
Sustainable Development
National Trust
Sure SA Ltd
No Objection
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B. PLANNING OFFICER'S APPRAISAL

LOCALITY & ZONING

This plot is located within Mulberry Gut, Longwood near the junction from Colt Sheds onto the Haul Road. The site is designated within the Intermediate Zone and has no conservation area restrictions.

Diagram 1: Location Plan



PROPOSED

The developer proposes to construct a dwelling, comprising of a kitchen, lounge dining area, shared bathroom, two bedrooms and verandah. Access will be gained from the Haul Road, which will traverse most of the northern part of the plot, leading towards the site platform on the southern corner. Cut and fill operations to create the level platform will be required, where an embankment measuring approximately 3.8m. The dwelling will be positioned towards the southern side of the platform and parking/turn around area to the north. External walls will be built out of concrete blockwork, rendered then painted. Roof coverings will be made from IBR sheeting. The roof style will be of a gable design. In terms of the services to the property, sewerage will be connected into a septic tank soakaway system. Electricity and water infrastructure is within the area and can be easily connected to.

Diagram 2: Proposed Site Plan

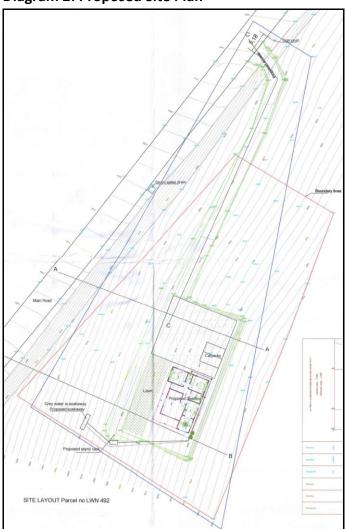
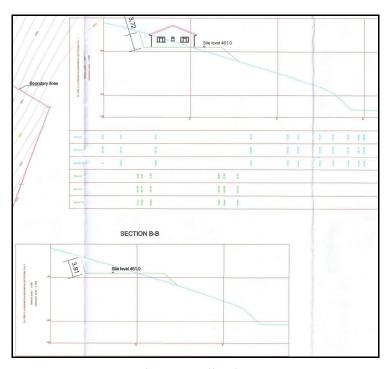
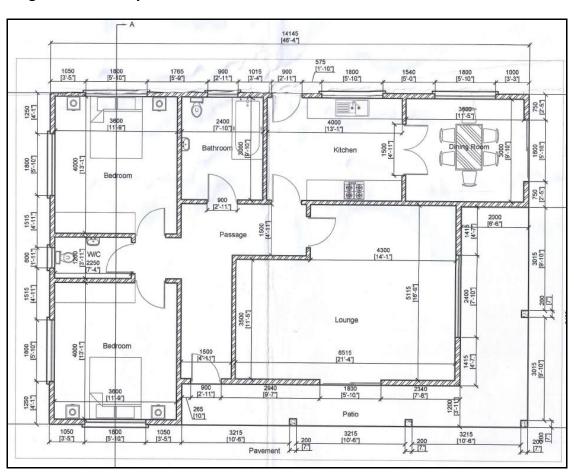


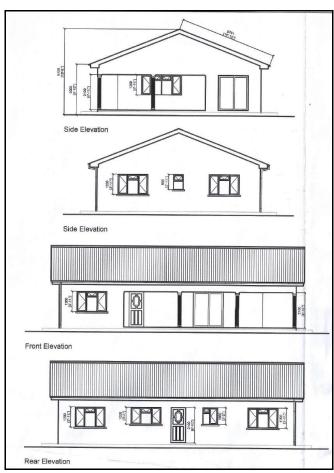
Diagram 3: Site Sections



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Diagram 4: Floor Layout & Elevations





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OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT

The plot is situated on Crown land, where it was identified for potential residential development. This is the only plot on the eastern side of this particular stretch of the Haul Road. Access will be gained from the Haul Road, where there has been a number of points raised from the Roads Section when it comes to egress onto the main road, a condition will be added to ensure the stakeholders are satisfied. The siting of the dwelling is moderately ideal, given the topography of the land. The scale of the development shares similar footprint to that of surrounding properties, details such as the roof style, window and door designs, and materials all demonstrate a coherence with the area. All services can be provided. Overall, the proposal complies with the intermediate zone policies and therefore can be supported.