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| <b>APPLICATION NO:</b> 15/02241/FUL      | <b>OFFICER:</b> Miss Michelle Payne  |
| <b>DATE REGISTERED:</b> 9th January 2016 | <b>DATE OF EXPIRY:</b> 5th March 2016  |
| <b>WARD:</b> Charlton Kings              | <b>PARTY:</b> Charlton Kings   |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>                        | Cheltenham Borough Council   |
| <b>AGENT:</b>                            | Cheltenham Borough Homes   |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>                         | Gilbert Ward Court, Croft Road, Charlton Kings   |
| <b>PROPOSAL:</b>                         | Installation of mobility scooter store (1.8m deep x 7.3m wide x 2.1m high) to provide 6no. individual secure compartments with charging points |

**RECOMMENDATION:** Permit



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## **1. DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND PROPOSAL**

- 1.1 Gilbert Ward Court is a 1970's Sheltered Accommodation complex located on the northern side of Croft Road, within Charlton Kings parish. The site is managed by Cheltenham Borough Homes and comprises 25no. flats. The building is two storeys in height with a flat roof.
- 1.2 The application proposes the provision of a purpose-built mobility scooter store with 6no. individual secure compartments with charging points. The structure would be 1.8m deep by 7.3m wide, and would be vertically timber clad with a curved mono-pitch aluminium clad roof, rising from 1525mm on the boundary to 2100mm within the site.
- 1.3 The store would be located adjacent to the boundary with no. 27 Croft Road to the west. It would be sited on a concrete base and accessed via an existing gateway.
- 1.4 The application sets out that an increase in the use of mobility scooters by residents in recent years has resulted in scooters being stored in corridors and communal lounges. This was raised as an issue in a Fire Risk Assessment carried out in 2010. Two areas of storage have been provided within the building. The proposed external store would provide additional storage facilities.
- 1.5 The application is before the planning committee as Cheltenham Borough Council is the applicant, and owner of the land.

## **2. CONSTRAINTS AND RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY**

### **Constraints:**

Smoke Control Order

### **Relevant Planning History:**

None

## **3. POLICIES AND GUIDANCE**

### Adopted Local Plan Policies

CP 1 Sustainable development  
CP 3 Sustainable environment  
CP 4 Safe and sustainable living  
CP 7 Design

### National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework

## **4. CONSULTATIONS**

### **Parish Council**

*26th January 2016*

No objection.

## **5. PUBLICITY AND REPRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1 A letter was sent to the neighbouring property, no.27 Croft Road. In addition, a site notice was posted adjacent to the site. No representations have been received in response to the publicity.

## **6. OFFICER COMMENTS**

### **6.1 Determining Issues**

6.1.1 The main considerations when determining this application relate to the design and appearance of the proposed mobility scooter store, and amenity.

### **6.2 Design**

6.2.1 The proposed mobility scooter store is utilitarian in appearance and would be discreetly located to the rear of the site; the design and materials of the building are considered appropriate for its function, and in this location. The store would provide a formal solution for the storage and charging of mobility scooters.

### **6.3 Amenity**

6.3.1 The height and location of the proposed store would not result in any harm to the amenity of residents or the wider locality. No objection has been raised by the parish council.

## **7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 With the above in mind, the recommendation is to grant planning permission.

## **8. CONDITIONS**

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To accord with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans listed in Schedule 1 of this decision notice, and the accompanying metroSTOR PSM in-line scooter store specification (PSM-6 Class 3).

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

## **INFORMATIVE**

- 1 In accordance with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012 and the provisions of the NPPF, the Local Planning Authority adopts a positive and proactive approach to dealing with planning applications and where possible, will seek solutions to any problems that arise when dealing with a planning application with the aim of fostering the delivery of sustainable development.

At the heart of this positive and proactive approach is the authority's pre-application advice service for all types of development. Further to this however, the authority publishes guidance on the Council's website on how to submit planning applications and provides full and up-to-date information in relation to planning applications to enable the applicant, and other interested parties, to track progress.

In this instance, having had regard to all material considerations, the application constitutes sustainable development and has therefore been approved in a timely manner.