

Item: 2**Application No:** DM/0207/26/FULA**Application Site:** 52 Humberston Fitties, Humberston, North East Lincolnshire, DN36 4EU

Dear Planning committee members,

I write this in my role as the chairman of the Humberston Fitties Tenants Association, not as a planning committee member, and I will be recusing myself from the decision on this planning application due to my declared interest.

I have been a strong advocate for preserving and enhancing the Fitties conservation area for the last five years since becoming a chalet owner. I have objected to planning applications on several occasions where I believed the application did not do that.

The chalet in this application has been in the Elliot family for over 60 years. Some of the longer serving councillors will know the previous owner Peggy Elliot, who was a councillor in Freshney ward for a number of years and Mayor of this borough in 2014/15. They did consider selling the chalet but were keen to keep it in their family as it has played a huge part in their lives. Her daughter and son in law agreed to take it on and are the third generation of the Elliot family to have the responsibility of owning this heritage Fitties chalet.

After surveying the chalet, it was clear that it was beyond economic repair and the best course of action would be to submit the survey report with a planning application for a demolition and rebuild. The Fitties Chalet Design Guide allows for this on page 6 where it states, *permission for demolition will only be granted where it can be shown that the chalet's construction has come to the end of its life expectancy and any replacement is of a quality which will enhance the character of the Conservation Area.*

Even though it is not the most economic route, due to the family history, the applicants want to restore the chalet where possible. The current plans upgrade and remodel the chalet, while sticking it to the original 50's design. It will be functional with a heritage finish and structurally restored, making it sustainable for many more years to come. The applicant has worked with planning officers to come up with a design that worked and has made many changes were asked by officers in order to make it acceptable. The final sticking point is around the front extension and veranda.

This chalet is made up of two former huts from RAF Goxhill and is distinctive in that the Elliotts have preserved many of the original features of the RAF huts and it has significant heritage value. This restoration will keep as many of the original features as possible. The applicant's personal business is in providing sash windows and joinery for historic buildings, so he understands the requirements of historic buildings.

Having reviewed the plans and spoken to the applicant, I believe this chalet when completed, will certainly enhance the conservation area, whilst preserving as much as possible of the original chalet. It will also hopefully pass onto the fourth generation of the family, preserving it for the future.

Paul Bright