

INSPECTOR'S SUGGESTED WORDING FOR POLICY HN6**POLICY HN6 – FORMER CONVENT OF HOLY CHILD JESUS**

Planning permission will not be granted for development on land comprising the former Convent of Holy Child Jesus and its curtilage unless it would secure the long term suitable use and future of the existing Listed Buildings. Hence planning permission for enabling development will not be granted unless the submitted scheme(s) would:

- a) Secure the ongoing management of the whole site, including the respectful protection and enhancement of the Nuns' Cemetery, as a single entity and as a place of special significance.
- b) Secure the management in perpetuity of the whole site.....
- c) As set out.
- d) As set out.
- e) Can be convincingly demonstrated to be the only realistic source of sufficient subsidy to secure the suitable long term future of the Listed Buildings.
- f) As set out.
- g) As set out.
- h) As set out.

In addition, planning permission will not be granted for enabling development unless:

- 1) As set out.
- 2) As set out.
- 3) As set out.

Delete reference to All policies of the Local Plan.....

Supporting text

These Listed Buildings and their curtilage are a vitally important heritage asset in St Leonards and in the Borough as a whole. Their inclusion in a Conservation Area emphasises even more their historic and architectural importance. The Council is therefore keen to secure their suitable long term future which the provisions of the Policy are designed to achieve. Enabling development is, however, undertaken as an exception to the usual planning policies which apply and this justifies the rigour of the Policy. The Council will therefore work closely with the developer and monitor the implementation of an approved scheme, acting promptly if necessary to ensure that all conditions and obligations are met.

The general principles set out above will, where appropriate, be applied in the case of any other proposals for enabling development elsewhere in the Boropugh.