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| COMMITTEE DATE: 10 th September 2020 |
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APPLICATION NO: RR/2020/500/P

ADDRESS: Watch Oak House – Land Adjacent, Chain Lane, Battle

PROPOSAL: Approval of reserved matters relating to appearance, layout, scale and landscaping pursuant to outline permission RR/2019/158/P for the erection of three dwellings.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY THE PLANNING AGENT

The agent has submitted three letters one from each of the purchasers of the three plots.

The Middleton family are looking to do a self-build and move into Battle from Whatlington, so that their young sons can attend the local school. They wish to build a high quality and sustainable home using local materials with low running costs and low carbon footprint. There is to be no gas but air source heat pumps are proposed. They work locally, one as a teacher and use the local facilities, so car usage is reduced. The family hopes to take a more active part in the local community. They thank you for considering their application for full planning.

The second family is also looking to do a self-build and are formerly from Robertsbridge where they completed a self-build there. Having moved away for work they are now returning to the area and looking to do another self-build using a variety of eco-friendly products. Like the Middletons they are also proposing air-source heating, pv panels and rain water harvesting. They are looking to build somewhere that they, their children and grandchildren can enjoy.

The third family is also the current owner of the site and have lived and worked in the Battle area all their life. The children like their parents attend the local Claverham Community College. He is looking to share the idea of self-build with other local families, using local builders and environmentally friendly Sussex style houses. While appreciating that change is difficult for neighbours, the three families have thought about the design and landscaping in a sensitive way. It is proposed to plant more than 500 trees on site and to follow ecological beliefs. All planning matters are clearly explained in the detailed reports that have been commissioned.