

Summary of Planning Applications in Kirtlington since May 2023

I'm CM, though not an elected councillor, I advise KPC on plng application received from CDC.

Firstly, my personal thanks to Paul Kurgo and Ruth Powles who over too many years to remember, they have worked tirelessly for this parish and I personally have benefitted from their invaluable inputs on applications, thankfully toning down my rants with their sensible rewrites.

Most applications this year have involved works to trees, either those with specific Tree Preservation Orders on them, or trees within the Conservation Area. There have been thirteen of these, including 5 Park Close, Park House on Bletchingdon Road, West View on Troy Lane, 4 Park Farm Cottages, Oak Cottage and Avenell both on Heyford Road, the Otter Ponds in the park, 4 Dashwood Mews, Foxtownsend Farmhouse, St Mary's Church, Oldbury, 4 Pound Close, and at the Dashwood Arms.

Other standard applications consist of extensions to existing houses, including three in Park Close (nos 5, 6 and 17), at 13 Hatch Way and at 1 The Chestnuts. Listed building applications are also fairly standard, for example, replacement windows for Flights Mill.

A couple of the more unusual applications have included an irrigation pond for Kirtlington Golf Club and, of course, the village shop adjacent to the village hall.

However, the two main housing applications this year were Corner Farm off the bend on Lince Lane at the south-western entrance to the village for 15 units and at Jersey Cottages off Heyford Road at the northern end of the village for 14 units. At the CDC Planning Committee meeting held on 7th December, the parish council spoke in support of Jersey Cottages, and in objection to Corner Farm. Both applications were subsequently refused by CDC, though only Corner Farm has lodged an appeal which will be heard on 18th June.

The appeal for 9 live-work units off Lince Lane was dismissed on 26 March.

Applications currently under consideration:

Kirtlington Stud – (from September 2023) seeking change to conditions restricting occupation of existing buildings (to aid with the sale of the land).

Kirtlington Park House – Listed building application for conservation works to the pediment stonework (though see works underway).

The conversion of the former village shop to residential.

Manor Farm Stables – opening in a gable wall.

And over the boundary in Bletchingdon – application for the grounds of Bletchingdon Park – a grotto and sculpture.