ITEM 4
13/00299/ADV - Land
Between Main Road
and
Rectory Road and
Clements Hall Way,
Hawkwell

1. Revised plans

Members are advised that revised plans have been received today, reducing the amount of advertising material and reducing the size of the site hoardings.

Officers will be presenting these changes for Members to consider.

ITEM 7 13/00359/FUL – 49 Southend Road, Hockley

1. Head of Environmental Services

The plans for this proposed development have now been examined. The Head of Environmental Services has no adverse comments in respect of this application, subject to the Standard Informative SI16 (Control of Nuisances) being attached to any consent granted.

2. 56 Southend Road (x3) - Objections

- This application is only slightly different from the last one, 5 flats instead of 6. The proposed building is still going to be three storeys high in comparison to the two storey buildings in this area. Will impact on us living opposite, due to lower position of our house we will be overlooked and will affect privacy.
- The building will have an impact on the character of the street scene in the area. In the draft RDC Development Management Submission document, April 2013, paragraph 2.24, Housing, Place Character, Residential Amenity, it states clearly: "...demolition of individual dwellings to be replaced by multiple dwellings, eg, replacement of a bungalow with flats, is not generally supported". Also in the same paragraph RDC "seeks to resist loss of existing dwelling types, which can impact on the character of the street scene in the District's existing settlements". As an alternative the RDC suggests: "replacement of one bungalow on a wide plot of land with a pair of semi-detached houses ...may be acceptable".

- The proposal will not fit in with the existing surrounding properties that are two storeys high, and not three, as proposed. This plot of land is ideal for one or even two houses but not for a three storey block of 5 flats. I still think the demolition of the existing bungalow would be a shame and will not support it, but maybe RDC's alternative should be considered.
- There would be an increase in traffic. This means at least 5 cars on the property. Access for this number of cars on and off the main road would still be a problem.

In summary the proposal will result in:-

- The plot will be massively over-developed.
- Loss of privacy due to the proposed building height (3 storeys).
- The proposed building is not in keeping with the existing surrounding properties.
- The proposed amount of flats will cause traffic problems.
- The proposed development is unacceptable in design and size.