Application Number: 14/0723 Erection of one pair of semi-detached houses and six detached dwellinghouses with associated garages, car parking, landscaping, boundary treatment and vehicular access from Common Edge Road at land bounded by Fishers Lane, Common Edge Road and Ecclesgate Road.

Decision: Refuse

Reasons:

- 1. The proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the setting of the Listed Cottages in Fishers Lane as it would create a suburban setting which would be at odds with open the rural/agricultural landscape in which the cottages currently sit. This harm would be emphasised by the proximity of the proposed houses to the cottages and the design/appearance of the proposed houses and the layout of the development. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to paras 129, 131-132 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Policy LQ9 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016 and the Marton Moss Characterisation Study 2009.
- 2. The proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the Marton Moss Countryside Area as it would remove open views into that area from Common Edge Road and would lead to an intensification of built form on the eastern side of Common Edge Road. As such the proposed development would be contrary to Policy NE2 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.
- 3. The application does not contain sufficient information for the Local Planning Authority to be satisfied that the proposed development would not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the Listed Cottages in Fishers Lane. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to paras 129, 131-132 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Policy LQ9 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016 and the Marton Moss Characterisation Study 2009.
- 4. The application site is low lying and in an area which is periodically subject to flooding. The loss of this area of natural drainage and its replacement with built form is likely to exacerbate the existing situation in the area and could lead to flooding of adjacent properties and gardens. As such the proposal is contrary to 99-104 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy NE10 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.
- 5. ARTICLE 31 STATEMENT (NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK para 187)

The Local Planning Authority has sought to secure a sustainable development that would improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of Blackpool but in this case there are considered factors - conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework and policies of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016 - which justify refusal.

Application Number: 14/0903 Erection of 38 semi-detached and 45 detached dwellings and garages with associated works, landscaping, open space and access from Midgeland Road at land at Runnell Farm, Chapel Road

Decision: Grant Permission

Conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of two years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and conditions 1 and 2 of the outline planning permission (ref 11/0260).

2. Details of materials to be used on the external elevations shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the development being commenced.

Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the locality, in accordance with Policy LQ4 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

3. Details of the surfacing materials to be used shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development.

Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the locality, in accordance with Policy LQ1 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

4. The landscaping works shall be carried out in accordance with the details shown on the approved landscaping drawing within the first planting season following completion of the development hereby approved or in accordance with a programme agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority (whichever is sooner.)

Any trees or shrubs planted in accordance with this condition which are removed, uprooted, destroyed, die, or become severely damaged or seriously diseased within five years of planting shall be replaced within the next planting season by trees or shrubs of similar size and species to those originally required to be planted, unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the site is satisfactorily landscaped in the interests of visual amenity and to ensure there are adequate areas of soft landscaping to act as a soakaway during times of heavy rainfall with regards to Policy LQ6 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order) no change of use from Use Class C3 (the subject of this permission) to Use Class C4 shall take place without the written approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard the living conditions of the occupants of nearby residential premises and to prevent the further establishment of Houses in Multiple Occupation which would further increase the stock of poor quality accommodation in the town and further undermine the aim of creating balanced and healthy communities, in accordance with Policies BH3 and HN5 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order) the garages shown on the approved plan shall not be used for any purpose which would preclude their use for the parking of a motor car.

Reason: In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority the retention of parking space within the site is of importance in safeguarding the appearance of the locality and highway safety, in accordance with Policies AS1 and LQ1 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order), no fences, gates or walls shall be erected within the curtilage of any dwellinghouse which fronts or is side onto a road.

Reason: The development as a whole is proposed on an open plan layout and a variety of individual walls/fences would seriously detract from the overall appearance of the development and would be contrary to Policy LQ2 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

8. No refuse bins/containers shall be stored forward of the front building line of any property other than on the day of presentation for collection.

Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the locality and the residential amenity of occupants and neighbours, in accordance with Policies LQ1 and BH3 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

9. Prior to the commencement of development, a scheme for grey-water harvesting (including water butts) and re-use within the site shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No property shall be occupied until all grey-water harvesting and re-use mechanisms associated with that property have been installed and these shall thereafter be retained

Reason: In order to minimise flood risk from surface water run off both on and off site in accordance with Policy NE10 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

10. No development shall be commenced until a desk study has been undertaken and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority to investigate and produce an assessment of the risk of the potential for on-site contamination. If the desk study identifies potential contamination, a detailed site investigation shall be carried out in accordance with a written methodology, which shall first have been agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. If remediation methods are then considered necessary, a scheme for decontamination of the site shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented and completed prior to the commencement of the development. Any changes to the approved scheme shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a safe form of development that poses no unacceptable risk of pollution to water resources or to human health and in accordance with Policy BH4 of the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.