

**Butterrow Hill:** *Councillors to study new housing scheme*

# Developer revises historic mill plans

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**STROUD town councillors will tonight scrutinise new plans to build 23 flats and houses at the historic Eagle Mill development on Butterrow Hill.**

They are warning they will not support the scheme unless developers are "sympathetic" to the area.

Despite opposition from town planners over the layout and design of the estate, original proposals for 27 flats and small houses were given the thumbs-up by the district council earlier this year.

Now developer Knightstone Housing is back again having made alterations to its designs.

It is asking district councillors to approve revised plans for 23 houses and flats. It also wants to create an access route onto Butterrow Hill.

District council spokesman Barry Wyatt said: "The plan is to knock down the red brick building and put in flats. There will then be a selection of smaller houses on the access route into the area.

"The basis of the plans has already been given the go-ahead and conservation area permission has been received. All that has changed is the design of the properties and the layout of the roads."

John Marjoram, chairman of the town council's planning committee and Green councillor for the Trinity ward, said: "In the past the town council has not been happy with these plans because of the impact the design of the homes would have on the area.

"It is a conservation area and there is the Bowbridge Lock development across from the site.

"We have not been too pleased with the designs from housing associations in the past and are keen to see that Stroud's historic areas are not ruined by housing. Unless the plans are sympathetic we will not back them."

The town council will discuss the plan tonight at Thanet House from 6.30pm.