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Good day

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development in between 5-7 Rose Lane - PL012/2627 - at the parish Planning Committee meeting on 10th June.

One thing that I forgot to mention at the meeting is the importance of this piece of land to the history of Melbourn parish.

As detailed in the "A glimpse into Melbourn's past" produced by the Melbourn Village History Group, this piece of land is one of the few remaining areas left in close to its original state following the fire of 1915 that destroyed multiple properties in Rose Lane and Dolphin Lane. This was one of the pivotal events in the history of Melbourn parish.

The map on page 96 of the book shows the parcel of land detailed in the proposed development as "Chapman's Dromard").

Due to its historical significance I suggest that this is an "Important Open Space" and should be considered for inclusion as such in the Melbourn Conservation Area; I note that it is already on the boundary of the current area.

Rather than developing the site for multiple new houses, the site should be conserved, preserved and restored to help maintain and enhance the character at the heart of the village and to commemorate its history.

Kind regards, Andrew Michaels