

**BROUGHTON
TIE FIRM
GAINS
APPROVAL** 996

Broughton's tie firm received the blessing of the Test Valley's Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee last week, when they approved an application by Mr. A. Edwards for a two-storey extension to "Panda," a semi-bungalow in Rookery-lane, Broughton, for business distribution as well as residential purposes.

Although the Parish Council were said to be strongly in support of the application, there were three letters of objection on the grounds of introducing commercial use into a residential area and the Planning Officers had recommended refusal.

The tie business came to Broughton during the last war, Councillor Parke told the Committee when it was evacuated, and at that stage ties were in fact manufactured within the village and distributed throughout the country. The business then moved above what is known as the Top Shop in Broughton, being carried on by the late Mr. George Butler, and since by his daughter.

The tie cutter had also died so ties were no longer manufactured on the premises. About four years ago the Top Shop had closed and they had moved across the road to another vacant shop and carried on the business—at that time buying in the ties from the North of the country and just tacking on the makers name at the back. Among ties and scarfs they had produced were those for Test Valley B.C.

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