

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**PLANNING COMMITTEE
20 JANUARY 2022**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY 2022 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE LYTTLETON
THEATRE, BMI, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Karen McCarthy in the Chair;

Councillors Mohammed Azim, Bob Beauchamp, Kate Booth, Diane Donaldson, Peter Griffiths, Saddak Miah, Gareth Moore, Dominic Stanford, Martin Straker-Welds, and Mike Ward.

INTRODUCTION

- 8150 The Chair notified the Committee, that this was a quasi-judicial meeting and no decisions had been made in advance of the meeting. She highlighted Members who sat on this Committee were sitting as representatives of the Council as a whole and not Ward Councillors.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 8151 The Chair advised, and the Committee noted, that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6_5dnVnYlw) and members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 8152 The Chair reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared, a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. The Chair noted that Members should also express an interest if they had expressed a view on any of the applications being considered at the meeting and take no part in the consideration of the item.

APOLOGIES

- 8153 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Maureen Cornish, Julie Johnson-White, and Saima Suleman for their inability to attend the meeting.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8154 The Chair advised that meetings were scheduled to take place on 3rd and 24th February and 17th March.

The Chair indicated that there was public speaking in respect of agenda items No. 6. and 8.

MINUTES

8155 The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 January 2022, having been circulated, were confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual planning applications including issues raised by objectors and supporters thereof was available for public inspection via the web-stream.

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

The following reports were submitted:

(See Document No. 1)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE EAST AREA

REPORT NO. 6 - 1-5 SHIRLEY ROAD, ACOCKS GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B27 7XU - 2021/09876/PA

The Principal Planning Officer (East) confirmed the following updates:

- Members received an email from the Acocks Green focus group stating their objection.
- The objection further stated that there is a loss of the original metal geometric windows.

The Principal Planning Officer (East) advised members the application is solely for the flue at the rear of the site, the elements of alteration to the front of the building which include painting of the shop front and powder coating do not require planning permission.

Councillor Roger Harmer spoke against the application and a supporter spoke in favour of the application.

The Principal Planning Officer (East) reminded members that the application is purely for the flute and not for the change of use which does not constitute development as it is in the same use class as the existing retail use. The Principal Planning Officer (East) referred members to paragraph 4.6 of the report where painting does not impact planning permission.

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Members commented on the application and the Principal Planning Officer (East) and Assistant Director of Planning responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 9 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention

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RESOLVED: -

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report.

REPORT NO. 7 – LAND TO WEST OF DREWS LANE, WASHWOOD HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, B8 - 2021/04634/PA

The Principal Planning Officer (East) confirmed there were no updates.

Upon being put to a vote it was 10 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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RESOLVED: -

- (i) That planning permission be granted subject to the completion of a Section 106 legal agreement and conditions as set out in the report (and as amended below);
- (ii) that in the absence of a suitable legal agreement being completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority by 20th April 2022, or such later date as may be authorised by officers under powers hereby delegated, planning permission be refused for the reason(s) set out in the report; and
- (iii) that the City Solicitor be authorised to prepare, seal and complete the appropriate legal agreement.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NORTH WEST

REPORT NO. 8 - LAND OFF BARNSELEY ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM, B17 8ED -2021/05314/PA

The Principal Planning Officer (North West) confirmed the following updates:

- 2 further representations were received from a local resident and the local MP reaffirming their objections which are reported in the Committee Report.
- Confirmed that future tree planting would be covered by condition 12 hard and soft landscaping.
- 10 parking spaces would be provided with one space for electrical vehicle charging, the equivalent of 10%.
- Points of clarification were raised in these representations regarding the residential use, affordable housing and proposed dwelling sizes with these points confirmed as being addressed within the Committee Report.

An objector spoke against the application and a supporter spoke in favour of the application.

Members commented on the application and the Principal Planning Officer (North West) and Assistant Director of Planning responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 4 in favour, 6 against and 0 abstention.

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RESOLVED: -

That consideration of the application referred to in the report be deferred with the Committee mindful to refuse.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CITY CENTRE

REPORT NO.9 - THE HOTEL, LAND AT AND BOUNDED BY PARADISE CIRCUS QUEENSWAY AND SURROUNDINGS INCLUDING CHAMBERLAIN SQUARE AND PARADISE STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B3 3HJ - 2021/08106/PA

The Area Planning Manager (City Centre) confirmed the following updates:

- Section 73 application which was previously given resolution to grant before Christmas has not been issued yet as the Section 106 is being finalised.
- Section 73 consent must be granted prior to the reserved matters for the hotel as it relies on reduced parameters for the building height and therefore it's was proposed to amend the recommendation at 8.1 to read as follows 'The planning application 2021/08106/PA be approved subject to the completion of the planning obligation agreement in connection with the application 2021/07244/PA.'

Members commented on the application and the Area Planning Manager (City Centre) responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 10 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

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RESOLVED: -

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report.

POLICY REPORT

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CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (SPD): 1) HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION SPD 2) LARGE SCALE SHARED ACCOMMODATION SPD

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to the members.

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Members commented on the report and the Planning Policy Manager responded thereto.

RESOLVED: -

That the report be noted.

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OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Booth raised issues with the heating in the room.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

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RESOLVED: -

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

AUTHORITY TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING):

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In the event that a Planning Committee meeting(s) are unable to be held in person and/or cancelled, the Assistant Director (Planning), in consultation with the Planning Committee, has authority to determine planning applications that would otherwise have been considered by the Committee.

The meeting ended 1220 hours.

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CHAIR