

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**06 DECEMBER 2018**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY, 06 DECEMBER 2018 AT 1100 HOURS IN COMMITTEE**  
**ROOMS 3 AND 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

**PRESENT:-**

Councillor Karen McCarthy in the Chair;

Councillors Mohammed Azim, Bob Beauchamp, Maureen Cornish, Mohammed Fazal, Peter Griffiths, Adam Higgs, Julie Johnson, Keith Linnecor, Saddak Miah, Gareth Moore, Lou Robson, Lucy Seymour-Smith and Mike Ward.

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**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

- 6588 The Chair welcomed members of the public to the meeting, indicating that a leaflet had been circulated explaining how the Committee operated. She stressed that, because the Committee was a quasi-judicial one, no decisions had been made before the meeting.

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

- 6589 The Chair advised, and the Committee noted, that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site ([www.civico.net/birmingham](http://www.civico.net/birmingham)) and members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 6590 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.

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 6591 The Chair informed Members that meetings were scheduled to take place on 20 December 2018 and 3 and 17 January 2019.
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**APOLOGY**

- 6592 An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor Safia Akhtar for her inability to attend the meeting.
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**MINUTES**

- 6593 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of that part of the last meeting of the Committee open to the public held on 22 November 2018 be forwarded to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

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**MATTERS ARISING**

- 6594 There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
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**NOTIFICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS THAT THEY CONSIDER SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY COMMITTEE**

**A. Planning Application No 2018/09681/PA – 203 - 205 Stratford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B11 1QZ**

- 6595 Councillor Mohammed Azim requested that a report relating to the above planning application be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee in light of concerns regarding residential amenity and litter.

**B. Planning Application No 2018/09492/PA – Sandown House, 41 - 45 Aukland Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B11 1HR**

- 6596 Councillor Mohammed Azim requested that a report relating to the above planning application be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee in light of concerns regarding anti-social behaviour.
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**PETITIONS**

- 6597 No petitions were submitted.
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**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 CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ECONOMY**

The following reports were submitted:-

(See Document No. 1)

**Planning Applications in Respect of the South Area**

**Report No 9 – Pritchatts Road Car Park and Ashcroft Halls of Residence, Pritchatts Village, Pritchatts Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2QU – 2018/05359/PA**

The Area Planning Manager (South) stated that paragraph 6.2 should read ‘The southern part of the application site ...’ and she had received a late written objection notification from a local resident stating that his previously raised concerns had not been adequately addressed in the report submitted. The objections were summarised by the Area Planning Manager, which included a formal request to adjourn determination of the planning application pending a site visit.

An objector spoke against the application.

Two supporters spoke in favour of the application.

The Area Planning Manager (South) and the Transport Development Manager responded to comments made by the objector and supporters.

Members commented on the application and agreed that a site visit was required in order to assess the impact on the conservation area, the impact on the surrounding area and the impact on traffic implications.

Upon being put to a vote to defer the planning application it was 12 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention –

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**RESOLVED:-**

That consideration of the planning application be deferred pending a site visit.

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**Report No 10 – Former Cock Inn Public House, Rubery Lane, Rubery, Birmingham, B45 9SD – 2018/03511/PA**

The Area Planning Manager (South) stated that there were updates.

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

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions -

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**RESOLVED:-**

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

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**Report No 11 – Land to the Rear of 16 – 26 Springcroft Road and 11 – 23 Lyncroft Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B11 3EL – 2018/07962/PA**

The Area Planning Manager (South) stated that there were no updates.

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

Members stated that although conditions had been attached to the planning application concern was expressed that given the historical background and planning history of the site, the development could be converted into flats and HMO's in the future.

Members sought clarification on the concern and upon being put to a vote it was 0 in favour, 5 against and 8 abstentions -

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the determination of the application be deferred and minded to refuse on the grounds of loss of residential amenity and the development being out of character with the area.

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**Report No 12 – 94 Exeter Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6EX – 2018/08382/PA**

The Area Planning Manager (South) stated that there were updates.

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

Upon being put to a vote it was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions –

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**RESOLVED:-**

No prior approval required.

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**Report No 13 – Presentation – City Centre Transportation Strategy**

Gary Woodward, Development Planning Manager outlined the points contained within the Birmingham City Centre and Curzon Transportation Strategy.

Members welcomed and commented on the presentation and the Development Planning Manager responded appropriately.

The following issues were raised:

- Members welcomed the use of green areas within the development.
- Slopes and not stairs were required at the Station main entrance.
- Buses in and out of the City Centre needed to be reliable and clean in order to attract passengers.
- Road closures and diversions across the City Centre were a concern.
- A visible taxi rank outside the entrance of the Station was required.
- Visible sign posting to alternative car parking spaces outside the City was required to prevent traffic congestion at city centre car parks – direct motorists to alternative car parking sites.

6602 **RESOLVED:-**

That the verbal presentation on the City Centre Transportation Strategy be noted.

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### **VISITS TO SITES IN CONNECTION WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

6603 **Pritchatts Road Car Park and Ashcroft Halls of Residence, Pritchatts Village, Pritchatts Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2QU – 2018/05359/PA**

It was agreed that Members undertake a site visit to Pritchatts Road Car Park and Ashcroft Halls of Residence, Pritchatts Village, Pritchatts Road, Edgbaston at a date and time to be negotiated with Members.

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### **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

#### **Private Section of the Minutes**

6604 In response to an ongoing issue raised by Councillor Gareth Moore as to whether it is necessary to retain the private part of the agenda for committee meetings, the legal representative informed the Committee that legislation provides two approaches - a public and a private section of the meeting. The private section is required to deal with confidential information which the Council is prohibited from sharing, as well as issues raised by Members which are of a confidential nature. Exempt information falling under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 can also be considered in private provided that the public interest does not require otherwise.

In response to legal advice provided the Chair agreed to leave the private section of the meeting on the agenda for future meetings.

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**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.

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**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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**RESOLVED:-**

That, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the following exempt information, the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

**Agenda Item etc**

**Paragraph of Exempt  
Information Under Revised  
Schedule 12A of the Local  
Government Act 1972**

Private section of the Minutes of the last meeting.

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