

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE
15 JUNE 2017

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2017 AT 1100 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 AND 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT:-

Councillors T Ali, Azim, Beauchamp, Booton, Cornish, Douglas Osborn, Fazal and Straker Welds.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

- 5503 In the absence of Councillors Sharpe (Chairman) and Linnecor (Deputy Chair) it was proposed, seconded and agreed that Councillor Straker Welds be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

COUNCILLOR STRAKER WELDS IN THE CHAIR.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

- 5504 The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting, indicating that a leaflet had been circulated explaining how the Committee operated. He stressed that, because the Committee was a quasi-judicial one, no decisions had been made before the meeting.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 5505 The Chairman advised, and the Committee noted, that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Committee Meetings

- 5506 The Chairman informed Members that meetings were scheduled to take place on 22 June, 6, 20 July and 3 August 2017.

APOLOGIES

- 5507 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Henley, K Jenkins, C Jones, Linnecor, Moore, Sharpe and Williams.
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MINUTES

- 5508 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of that part of the last meeting of the Committee open to the public be noted.

MATTERS ARISING

- 5509 There were no matters arising.
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NOTIFICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS THAT THEY CONSIDER SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY COMMITTEE

- 5510 No notifications were received.
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PETITIONS

- 5511 No petitions were received.
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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 North West Area

Report No 8 – Land off White Farm Road, Sutton Coldfield – 2017/02890/PA

A Member commented on the application.

Upon being put to a vote it was 7 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

5512 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Report No 9 – Land Adjoining 11 The Falcons, off Langley Hall Road, Sutton Coldfield – 2017/03560/PA

The Principal Planning Officer (North West) gave details of further comments received regarding the proposal.

Members commented on the application.

Upon being put to a vote it was 7 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

5513 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report;
 - (ii) that no objection be raised to the stopping up of The Falcons and that the Department for Transport be requested to make an Order in accordance with the provisions of Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
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Planning Applications in Respect of the South Area

Report No 10 – 91 Fountain Road, Edgbaston – 2017/02722/PA

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

Upon being put to a vote it was 3 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

5514 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Report No 11 – 208 Monyhull Hall Road, Kings Norton – 2017/00652/PA

A Member commented on the application.

Upon being put to a vote it was 7 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

5515 **RESOLVED:-**

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

POLICY REPORTS

Appeal Decisions Received from the Planning Inspectorate in May 2017

The following report of the Corporate Director, Economy was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

The Head of Planning Management introduced the report and responded to Members' comments.

5516 **RESOLVED:-**

That the schedule of appeal decisions received from the Planning Inspectorate in May 2017 be noted.

Draft Simplified Planning Zone, Kings Norton Business Centre, Birmingham

The following report of the Corporate Director, Economy was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

The Head of Planning Management introduced the report.

A Member commented on the report.

Upon being put to a vote it was 7 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

5517 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That approval be given for statutory consultation of the draft simplified planning zone document (SPZ) in accordance with Section 28 and Schedule 5 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991;

- (ii) that the outcome of the consultations and any necessary amendments to the SPZ be reported back to this Committee with a view to adopting it for a further 10 year period commencing on 4 October 2017.
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Acivico (Building Consultancy) Ltd – Annual (Year End) Performance Overview

The following report of the Strategic Director, Major Programmes and Projects, was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

The Head of Planning Management and the Operations Manager, Acivico Building Consultancy Ltd introduced the report and responded to Members' comments.

Hereon, a discussion ensued as to the possible cause of a recent fire that had occurred at a tower block in London. The Head of Planning Management advised Members that it would be wrong to speculate about what had happened pointing out that only when a full inquiry had been conducted and a written report provided would officers be able to take any necessary appropriate action.

5518 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

VISITS TO SITES IN CONNECTION WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5519 There were no site visits pending.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman was of the opinion that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency in view of the need to expedite consideration thereof and instruct officers to act:-

Fire at a Tower Block in London

5520 The Head of Planning Management briefly explained the services provided by the Council and Acivico (Building Consultancy) Ltd and outlined his role as the statutory functions officer.

In response to a question by Councillor Booton regarding materials used for the construction and renovation of high rise blocks, the Operations Manager – Acivico explained that it was difficult to be specific as each building was different.

Modern buildings were subject to more rigorous regulations than those constructed in the 1960's and 70's and there were many different types and levels of fire regulations to be observed.

Each building had bespoke arrangements for dealing with an incident such as a fire and the building manager was responsible for providing the emergency services with those details.

The Chairman and Head of Planning Management stressed the importance of not jumping to any conclusions but to wait for a report on the cause of the fire at the tower block in London. Assurances were given that any assistance required would be offered without delay.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN 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.

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. 3