

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**PLANNING COMMITTEE
4 FEBRUARY, 2021**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 2021 AT 1100 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING

PRESENT:-

Councillor Karen McCarthy in the Chair;

Councillors Bob Beauchamp, Maureen Cornish, Diane Donaldson, Mohammed Fazal, Kath Hartley, Julie Johnson, Zhor Malik, Saddak Miah, Gareth Moore, Mike Ward and Martin Straker Welds.

INTRODUCTION

- 7812 The Chair indicated that meeting would be hosted on teams but would be webstreamed and indicated that, because the Committee was a quasi-judicial one, no decisions had been made before the meeting. She noted that members would be using the chat function in teams to indicate a wish to speak and to notify of technical problems. No side conversations would take place.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 7813 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) and members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 7814 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

7815 It was noted that Councillor Kath Hartley had been appointed to the vacant post on the Committee.

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Peter Griffiths, Simon Morrall and Lou Robson.

At this point in the meeting the Chair took a roll call of members present and reminded Members that they must be connected for the whole debate of an item in order to be able to vote on that item.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7816 The Chair informed Members that the meetings were scheduled to take place on the 18 February, 4 March and 18 March 2021.

The Chair informed that item 6 had been removed from the agenda to resolve some issues and would be resubmitted on a later date.

There were no speakers attending the meeting.

MINUTES

7817 The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 January, 2021 will be submitted at the next meeting.

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, INCLUSIVE GROWTH (ACTING)

The following reports were submitted:

(See Document No. 1)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CITY CENTRE AREA

LAND BOUNDED BY MOSELEY STREET (SOUTH) MOSELEY ROAD (EAST) AND CHEAPSIDE (NORTH) DIGBETH, BIRMINGHAM B12 – 2020/07829/PA

7818 This item had been deferred in order to resolve some issues.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NORTH WEST AREA

FORMER VAUXHALL GARDENS EDUCATION CENTRE, BARRACK STREET, NECHELLS, BIRMINGHAM B7 4HA – 2020/08431/PA

The Area Planning Manager (North West Area) advised that there were no updates.

Members commented on the application and the Area Planning Manager (North West Area) and Transport Manager responded thereto.

Upon being put to a vote it was 11 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

7819 **RESOLVED:-**

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

PERRY BARR RAIL STATION, BIRCHFIELD ROAD, PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM, B20 3JE – 2020/07426/PA

The Area Planning Manager (North West Area) advised that there were no updates.

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

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

7820 **RESOLVED:-**

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

20A-24 ASTON LANE, ASTON, BIRMINGHAM, B20 3BU – 2020/09985/PA

The Area Planning Manager (North West Area) advised that there were no updates.

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

7821 **RESOLVED:-**

That temporary planning permission be granted for a 2 year period.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE SOUTH AREA

LAND BOUNDED BY CHAPEL LANE, HARBORNE LANE AND BRISTOL ROAD, SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM B29 2020/01795/PA

The Area Planning Manager (South Area) advised that an email had been sent to Members from the applicant and an objector adding that Officers had sought Counsel Advice on the 4 proposed reasons for refusal in terms of both the likelihood of success at appeal and the likelihood of costs being awarded against the Council as detailed in the report. The Area Planning Manager gave a summary of the report. It was felt that the original recommendation made was correct and robust. The potential reason for refusal was set out in paragraph 1.10 of the report.

It was noted that Councillor Kath Harley would not take part in the discussion as she had taken no part in the previous discussions.

Councillor Julia Johnson informed that the application was in her ward however she had given no previous view on the application.

Members commented on the report and the Area Planning Manager South Area), Legal Officer and Acting Director of Inclusive Growth responded thereto.

Upon a vote for refusal on the one ground set out in paragraph 1.10 of the report it was 7 in favour, 3 against and 0 abstention

7822 **RESOLVED:-**

That planning permission be refused for the reason set out in paragraph 1.10 of the report.

**HIGH STREET/WAR LANE/ALBERT ROAD/LORDSWOOD ROAD
ROUNDAABOUT, HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM, B17 9PY – 2020/9328/PA**

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

Upon being put to a vote it was 9 in favour, 2 against and 0 abstention.

7823 **RESOLVED:-**

That temporary planning permission be granted.

The meeting adjourned at 1211 hours and reconvened at 1216 hours.

POLICY REPORT

PLANNING COMMITTEE SITE VISIT PROTOCOL

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The Interim Assistant Director Planning presented the report reminding Members that the peer review had recommended an urgent review on the protocol for site visits and giving a summary of the report and highlighting the protocol set out in appendix 1.

Members commented on the report and the Interim Assistant Director Planning responded thereto. It was requested that regular reports be submitted to the Committee on requests received for site visits and the outcome. The Interim Assistant Director Planning undertook to send Members a copy of the revised protocol.

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

7824 **RESOLVED:-**

That the 'Protocol for Planning Committee Site Visits' as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

7825 In reply to Councillor Martin Straker-Welds the Chair undertook to follow up his query on a Citywide audit on hard standing spaces in relation to flooding. Members were reminded about the training session at 1500 hours.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

7826 **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.

The meeting ended at 1239 hours

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CHAIR