

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**12 JANUARY 2023**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 2023 AT 1100 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

**PRESENT:** - Councillor Martin Brooks in the Chair.

Councillors David Barrie, Jack Deakin, Mahmood Hussain, Mumtaz Hussain, Jane Jones, Lee Marsham, Shehla Moledina, Gareth Moore and Colin Green.

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**INTRODUCTIONS**

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

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

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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](http://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.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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The Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

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Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

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### **APOLOGIES**

8120 Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed, Rick Payne and Lauren Rainbow.

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### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8121 The Chair announced that there was public speaking for item 6.

He also announced that on 15<sup>th</sup> December the Planning Enforcement team had a successful prosecution in Selly Oak which included a confiscation order under the proceeds of Crime Act. The defendants were fined £4000 each, this related to some people who were renting out a converted ground floor and basement property which was insufficient in size and had insufficient windows and a low ceiling height. The judge made a confiscation order of £67,000 with 16 months imprisonment in the event of non-payment. The City Council was awarded £8000, the total against the defendants was £83,000.

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### **MINUTES**

8123 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 were agreed.

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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 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The following reports were submitted:

(See Document No. 1)

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### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NORTH WEST AREA**

#### **REPORT NO. 6 - 1 FRIARY ROAD, HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B20 1BD - 2022/05132/PA**

The Area Planning Manager (North West) confirmed the following updates:

- An email has been sent to Members requesting the application be refused and reiterating concerns relating to noise and disturbance, traffic and parking, concentration of similar uses, unsuitability of area, loss of

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family housing and space standards. These matters are discussed within the officer report.

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

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

Upon being put to a vote it was 8 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstention.

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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. 7 - HANDSWORTH WOOD ACADEMY, CHURCH LANE, HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B20 2HL- 2022/07202/PA**

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

- There is an error to paragraph 4.8, a 'no' is missing on this consultation response and should read 'There are no heritage implications...'.
- The arrows shown on the proposed layout on page 6 moved to the right when the report was converted to a PDF.

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

Upon being put to a vote it was 11 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.

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**OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None submitted.

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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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**AUTHORITY TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING):**

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If 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 1131 hours.

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CHAIR