

LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held in Committee Room 1, Guildhall, Lichfield, at 6.30pm on Thursday, 25 March 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M G Boyle (Chairman), and Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, B F Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M P Bland, G Boyle, B D Diggle, Mrs D English, T V Finn, M J Fryers, C Greateorex, P L Hitchman, Mrs E C Roe, J A Smithy, C J Spruce, T J Thomas, A D Thompson, J C Walker, M A Warfield, B S White and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs J M Eagland, I A Jackson and D Smedley.

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

When considering planning applications and/or regulatory or licensing matters, and in accordance with advice received from the Standards Board for England, those City councillors present who were also members of the District Council's Planning Committee and/or Regulatory and Licensing Committee confirmed that their comments at this meeting were a preliminary view and that they might change their view when they heard all of the evidence at the subsequent District Council's Committee. Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, Mrs D English and T J Thomas declared personal interests in Minute 109 as they were City Council representatives on the Municipal Charities. Councillors B D Diggle, M A Warfield and J N Wilks declared prejudicial interests in Minute 109 as they were Trustees of the Municipal Charities, and left the room during the discussion and voting thereon.

105 MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 March 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

106 APPEAL DECISIONS

Appeal Decisions had been received ALLOWING the applications for a gantry sign and fascia signs, an 'Opening hours' sign and the internally illuminated 'Tesco Extra' signs to the front and side elevations of the retail store being illuminated only between the hours of 8am and 10.30pm Mondays to Saturday and 8am to 4.30pm on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays at Tesco Extra, Church Street, application Nos. 09/00739/ADV and 09/00915/ADV. The City Council's comments on these applications on 3 September 2009 was "Standard Advertising Criteria" and on 24 September 2009 was "No objections, subject to Standard Advertising Criteria".

RESOLVED: *That the Appeal Decisions be noted.*

107 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Members considered Lichfield District Council Premises Licences as per agenda Appendix C.

RESOLVED: *That the Premises Licences be noted.*

108 HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK

The meeting adjourned to hear representations from businesses on the Enterprise Park Industrial Estate who were affected by the proposed route of the High Speed rail link, and who wished to voice their objections.

The Committee then considered the Town Clerk's agenda report concerning the route of the proposed high speed rail link between London and Birmingham, noted the implementation timetable and discussed the potential impact on Lichfield.

RESOLVED:

1. *That the report be noted.*
2. *That although it supports the principle of high speed rail, the City Council, on the basis of the route plans and drawings released on 11 March 2010, strongly objects to the proposed route of the HS2 rail line through and adjacent to Lichfield which would be totally unacceptable by reasons of the extremely adverse impact it will have on the residents and environment of the city.*
3. *That the City Council work with other agencies and organisations to oppose the current route and would expect to be fully involved in future consultations as the scheme develops.*

109 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Committee considered the Town Clerk's agenda report concerning the District Council's work on preparing its Land Allocations and Site Development Policies Development Plan Document. It had issued a general invitation for people to help identify suitable sites for all uses which could serve to meet requirements.

RESOLVED: *That submissions be returned proposing that:*

- a. *The Western Recreation Zone at Darwin Park be allocated as Public Open Space.*
- b. *That sites at Darnford Lane (east of A38), and at Christchurch (to the west of the current allotment site) be proposed for allotment use.*

110 HEDGE OBSCURING VISIBILITY

Concern was expressed over the hedge at the entrance to Lichfield campus which although having been cut back was still obscuring visibility of motorists turning into the Campus from the direction of the City Centre to the extent that it was considered dangerous.

RESOLVED: *That in the interests of pedestrian safety the College be asked to make arrangements for the removal of the hedge*

111 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

- 1 *That the decisions of Lichfield District Council on planning applications as listed on Agenda Appendix 'B' be received and noted.*
- 2 *That recommendations be submitted to Lichfield District Council in respect of planning applications as listed in Appendix 'A'.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 7.55PM**

CHAIRMAN