

LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held in Committee Room 1, Guildhall, Lichfield, at 6.30pm on Thursday, 9 June 2016

PRESENT: Councillor B Cocksey (Chairman), and Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, J Brooks, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, Mrs J Greaves, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, B McMullan, P Ray, A Thompson, M Thompson, Mrs L Warfield and M Warfield

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Awty, Mrs D Baker, C Greateorex, P Hitchman, Mrs S James, T Matthews, D Smedley (Civic Duty), A Smith, C Spruce and R Yardley

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Those City councillors present who were also members of the District Council's Planning Committee and/or 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 District Council's Planning Committee and/or Licensing Committee.

Councillor A Thompson declared an interest in Application No 16/00301/FUL because the applicant is known to him.

9 MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

10 APPEAL NOTICES

Appeal Notices were considered for:

- a) Application No 14/00057/OUTMEI, the removal of buildings and other structures and construction of up to 750 dwellings, primary school, care village, local neighbourhood facilities to include retail development (use classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5), community building (use class D1), parking, comprehensive green infrastructure comprising formal and informal open space, footpaths, cycle ways, water areas (also including sustainable drainage systems) and landscaping, new access points to Watery Lane and Netherstowe Lane and improvement to Netherstowe Lane (all matters reserved except points of access). The City Council's comment on 13 February 2014 was *"Recommend Refusal; the site has been considered and rejected in the emerging Local Plan for a variety of sound reasons. It would form an incongruous development spur into open countryside on a greenfield site, and the access via Watery Lane (with its narrow skew railway bridge) and the very narrow Netherstowe Lane, are totally inadequate to meet the requirements of such a large development"*
- b) Application No. 15/00387/FUL, installation of 3 no biomass boilers and associated equipment at the George Hotel, 12-14 Bird Street. The City Council's comment on 28 January 2016 was *"No Objections"*

RESOLVED: a) *That the Town Clerk writes to the Inspector supporting the District Council's refusal of Application No 14/00057/OUTMEI*

b) *That appeal notice 15/00387/FUL be noted.*

11 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLVED: *That the Premises Licences be noted.*

12 PARKING ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The Town Clerk circulated details of responsibility for parking enforcement from the County Council's website.

RESOLVED: *That the information be noted.*

13 BULLDOG LANE

Councillor Dundas opened a discussion of the road hazard of Bulldog Lane and possible solutions to mitigate it.

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk writes to County Councillor Caroline Wood asking if she would support proposals to reduce traffic speeds on Bulldog Lane.*

14 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 the District Council's reasons for refusal of application 16/00273/FUL, which had been decided differently to the City Council recommendations, be noted.*
- 3** *That recommendations be submitted to Lichfield District Council in respect of planning applications as listed in Appendix 'A'.*

15 RAILWAYS

Councillor A Thompson reported that for the West Midlands Rail Franchise, the DFT had now selected three companies to submit tenders in July 2016, with a view to the franchise commencing in October 2017. He also reported that the work to improve disabled access to platforms at Trent Valley Railway Station had been postponed.

RESOLVED: *a) That further details on the disabled access to platforms at Trent Valley Station be obtained by Cllr A Thompson.*

b) That the Town Clerk writes to express the Council's disappointment over the operators decision to delay the installation of disabled access to platforms; and encourage Staffordshire County Council, Lichfield District Council and the Member of Parliament to also raise concerns on behalf of rail users.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.58PM

CHAIRMAN