

PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 15 October 2020

Start: 7.00 p.m.,

Finish: 8.36 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Owen (Chairman)
A Pritchard (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: I Ashcroft J Finch
Mrs P Baybutt D O'Toole
N Delaney E Pope
T Devine J Thompson
S Evans

Officers: Ian Gill, Head of Growth and Development
Catherine Thomas, Development Heritage and Environment Manager
Mark Loughran, Principal Planning Officer
David Delaney, Legal Assistant (Planning)
Julia Brown, Member Services Officer
Jill Ryan, Senior Member Services Officer

In attendance: Councillor David Evans (Planning Portfolio Holder)

44 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

45 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the membership of the Committee.

46 URGENT BUSINESS

After consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, the following item was deemed an urgent item of business as a response was needed to be provided to the consultation exercise on the Planning For the Future White Paper and Consultation on changes to the Planning System by the 29 October 2020.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WHITE PAPER AND CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community as contained on pages 355 to 392 of the Book of Reports, the purpose of which was to seek the Council's response to MHCLG's consultation on both the Planning for the Future White Paper and the technical changes to the planning.

The report had been previously published on the agenda for Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 24 September and Cabinet 13 October 2020.

RESOLVED: That the following agreed comments be forwarded to the Corporate Director of Place and Community for consideration prior to a final response being agreed in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for

Planning and submitted before the deadline of 29 October 2020:-

- A.** That the Council's response should stress that, the Planning White Paper undermines local democracy by removal of member involvement in certain aspects of decision making.
- B.** That any new Local Plan System needs to be simple to engage with by the public and that, there should be a variety of means to engage in the process, in addition to digital means.

47 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

48 **DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no Declarations of Party Whip.

49 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 10 September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

50 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Corporate Director of Place and Community submitted a report on planning applications (all prefixed 2020 unless otherwise stated) as contained on pages 321 to 350 of the Book of Reports and on pages 351 to 353 of the Late Information Report.

(Note: An objector and the applicant spoke in connection with planning application 0727/FUL relating to Eden Tea Rooms and Galleries, Course Lane Newburgh and left the meeting after consideration of this item).

51 **2020/0669/FUL - LAND TO THE NORTH-EAST OF FAIRSTEAD, BIRCH GREEN, SKELMERSDALE**

RESOLVED: That in respect of planning application 0669/FUL relating to Land to the North-East of Fairstead, Birch Green, Skelmersdale:-

- (i) That the decision to grant planning permission be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place and Community in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, subject to the applicant entering into a Deed of Variation to vary the original agreement made under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to require details of the terms, conditions and delivery of the affordable housing units.

- (ii) That any planning permission granted by the Corporate Director of Place and Community be pursuant to the conditions as set out on pages 324 to 326 of the Book of Reports.

52 **2020/0727/FUL - EDEN TEA ROOMS AND GALLERIES, COURSE LANE, NEWBURGH, WIGAN, LANCASHIRE**

RESOLVED: That planning application 0727/FUL relating to Eden Tearooms and Galleries, Course Lane, Newburgh, Wigan be approved subject to the reason as set out on page 334 of the Book of Reports and with a condition and reason as set out below:-

Condition

Notwithstanding any description of materials in the application within 3 months of the date of this permission, the satellite dishes shall be painted/coated basalt grey to match the existing Kingspan cladding panels.

Reason To ensure that the external appearance of the building(s) is satisfactory and that the development therefore complies with the provisions of Policy GN3 in the adopted West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 Development Plan Document.

53 **2019/1003/FUL - BARN LODGE VETERINARY HOSPITAL, 54A SOUTHPORT ROAD, ORMSKIRK**

RESOLVED: That planning application 2019/1003/FUL relating to Barn Lodge Veterinary Hospital, 54A Southport Road, Ormskirk be refused:-

Reason for refusal

The proposed incinerator by reason of the height and the industrial design of its chimney would adversely affect the visual amenities of the area contrary to Policy GN3 of the West Lancashire Local Plan

54 **2020/0444/FUL - 22 CHURCH STREET, ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE**

RESOLVED: That planning application 0444/FUL relating to 22 Church Street, Ormskirk be approved subject to the conditions as set out on pages 348 to 349 of the Book of Reports and with the amendment to Condition 4 as set out page 353 of the Late Information Report.

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Chairman