

PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 25 July 2024

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 9.25 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Owen (Chairperson)
A Fowler (Vice-Chairperson)

Councillors: A Blundell A Fennell
P Hogan S Patel
E Pope L Webster
J Witter P Burnside

In attendance: Councillor K Jukes (Rural North East)
Councillor R Bailey (Rural North East)
Councillor T de Freitas (North Meols and Hesketh Bank)
Councillor S Lawton (Aughton and Holborn)
Councillor J Howard (North Meols and Hesketh Bank)
Councillor P Hesketh (Burscough Bridge and Rufford)
Councillor G Dowling (Lead Member Planning & Community Safety)

Officers: David Delaney, Legal Assistant (Planning)
Steven Faulkner, Planning Services Manager
Kate Jones, Planning Services Team Leader
Julia Brown, Democratic Services Officer

8 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

9 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillor J Abbott and the appointment of Councillor P Burnside for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

10 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of Urgent Business.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

13 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2024 be

approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services, as contained on pages 1 to 104 of the Book of Reports and pages 105 to 128 of the Late Information Report.

Notes:

1. Mr David Kelsall, Mr Stuart Thorn, Ms Anita O'Donnell, Mr Martin Ainscough, Ms Anne Fletcher, Ken Parr, Parish Councillor Hugh Carey, Mr Andrew Armstrong (Agent), and Ward Councillors Katie Juckes and Rob Bailey all spoke in connection with planning application 2023/0922/FUL relating to Land to West of Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
2. Mrs Christine Donnelly, Mr Patrick Donnelly, Mr Stephen Lavin (Agent) and Ward Councillor Sarah Lawton spoke in connection with planning application 2023/0328/FUL relating to Granville Park West, Aughton L39 5HS.
3. Mr Michael Connaughton spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0274/FUL relating to 35 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale WN8 6RZ.
4. Ward Councillor Thomas de Freitas spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0278/FUL relating to Otterbrook, Moss Lane PR9 8AF.

15. PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/0922/FUL - LAND TO WEST OF APLEY LANE NORTH, APLEY BRIDGE

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2023/0922/FUL relating to Land to West of Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.

RESOLVED:

That planning application 2023/0922/FUL relating to Land to West of Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge be refused against officer recommendation on grounds of impact on the amenity of local residents and the nearby school.

1. The proposal by virtue of the excessive comings and goings of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) would give rise to adverse impacts on the living conditions of residents of Appley Lane North, and adverse impacts on the visitors and pupils of the All Saints School and is therefore contrary to Policy GN3 of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 and the relevant provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework revised December 2023.
2. The proposal by virtue of the excessive levels of light pollution would give rise to adverse impacts on the living conditions of residents of Appley Lane North and is therefore contrary to Policy GN3 of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 and the relevant provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework revised December 2023.

16. PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/0328/FUL - 48 GRANVILLE PARK WEST, AUGHTON, L39 5HS

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2023/0328/FUL relating to 48 Granville Park West, Aughton L39 5HS.

RESOLVED:

That planning application 2023/0328/FUL relating to 48 Granville Park West, Aughton L39 5HS be approved subject to conditions as set out.

17. PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0274/FUL - 35 ELMERS GREEN, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 6RZ

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0274/FUL relating to 35 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale WN8 6RZ.

RESOLVED:

That planning application 2024/0274/FUL relating to 35 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale WN8 6RZ be approved subject to conditions as set out.

18. PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0278/FUL - OTTERBROOK, MOSS LANE PR9 8AF

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0278/FUL relating to Otterbrook, Moss Lane.

RESOLVED:

That planning application 2024/0278/FUL relating to Otterbrook, Moss Lane PR9 8AF be deferred for a site visit.

19. PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/0975/FUL - 201 EGERTON, TANHOUSE, SKELMERSDALE WN8 6AB

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2023/0975/FUL relating to 201 Egerton, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale WN8 6AB.

RESOLVED:

That planning application 2023/0975/FUL relating to 201 Egerton, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale WN8 6AB be approved subject to conditions as set out in report (condition 3 for drainage amended via late information), a Section 106 legal agreement to secure the site for affordable housing.

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Chairman