

Planning Committee

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 23 November 2021 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair).

Councillors Peter Diplock (Deputy-Chair), Penny di-Cara, Jane Lamb, Colin Maxted, and Candy Vaughan.

Officers in attendance:

James Smith (Specialist Advisor for Planning), Leigh Palmer (Head of Planning First), Helen Monaghan (Lawyer, Planning), and Emily Horne (Committee Officer)

48 Welcome and Introductions

Members of the Committee and Officers present introduced themselves to all those who were present during the meeting.

49 Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members

Apologies had been received from Councillor Murdoch and Councillor Taylor. Councillor di-Cara confirmed that she was acting as substitute for Councillor Taylor. Absence was noted for Councillor Miah.

50 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct.

There were none.

51 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2021 were submitted and approved as a correct record, and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

52 Urgent items of business.

There were no urgent items and no officer addendum for the meeting.

53 20 Upperton Road. ID: 210647

Application for variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (external materials), 4 and 5 (vehicular access) following grant of planning permissions 170868 and 180829 to allow for revised design, layout, access and parking

arrangements and external finishing to the approved development -
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The Specialist Advisor (Planning) presented the report. The Committee was reminded that the application sought to regularise the works that had not been built in accordance with the approved plans and to provide additional car and cycle parking spaces which were required as a condition of the prior approval.

Mr Smallwood, resident, addressed the Committee in objection to the application. Mr Bateman, Agent, spoke in support of the Application. Councillor Rodohan, Ward Councillor, spoke in objection.

Members discussed the proposal and raised strong concerns regarding the front elevation of the building, and the lack of block paving, canopy, feature wall, temporary planting, fencing, and screening of the sub-station. Members stated that they considered the development to be an eyesore, and that it was unfinished and of poor quality, and was not in accordance with what had been agreed.

The Committee sought clarification from Officers on the provision of bins, disabled parking spaces / access, electric charging points, cycle storage and the enclosure of the sub-station.

Officers advised the screening of the sub-station was acceptable and would explore the potential for a secure enclosure around it, if the application was deferred.

A typographical error was noted at paragraph 8.3.6 the word 'not' should be inserted after the words 'appearance of the development is'.

Councillor Murray proposed a motion to defer the application to enable officers to seek revised plans. This was seconded by Councillor Vaughan and was carried.

RESOLVED: (unanimously) that the application be deferred for officers to negotiate improvements to the scheme; and to be determined at a future Planning Committee meeting following any required consultation.

54 Date of next meeting

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled to commence at 6:00pm on Tuesday, 14 December 2021, be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.03 pm

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair)