

Planning Committee

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 16 October 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Hugh Parker (Chair).

Councillors Amanda Morris (Deputy-Chair), Nick Ansell, Andy Collins, Jane Lamb, Teri Sayers-Cooper and Candy Vaughan.

Officers in attendance:

Leigh Palmer (Head of Planning First), Helen Monaghan (Lawyer, Planning), Emily Horne (Committee Officer).

35 Introductions

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

36 Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members

Apologies had been received from Councillor Anita Mayes.

37 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.

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

38 Urgent items of business.

There were no urgent items.

39 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment of Minute 28, Site 7a, Pacific Drive (Aldi Store Ltd), ID: 220849 to include the additional wording:

“The Committee was advised by way of the Addendum that 51 additional responses of support had been received since the publication of the Officers report. Appraisal paragraphs 8.2, 8.3 and 8.7 were updated. Condition 10.10 was deleted. The Head of Planning First advised that 3 additional objections had been received since publication of the Addendum.”

40 Officer Update

An officer addendum was circulated to the Committee prior to the start of the meeting, updating the report on the agenda with any late information (a copy of which was published on the Council's website).

41 Site 7a, Pacific Drive. ID: 220849, 220850 & 220852

Erection of Class E foodstore alongside access, parking, landscaping and associated works – **SOVEREIGN**.

The Head of Planning First presented the report.

The Committee was advised by way of the Addendum that a further representation had been received from the agent acting on behalf of Tesco's.

Mr Rob McClellan, Agent, spoke in favour of the application for Aldi Store Ltd.

Councillor Vaughan put forward a proposal in line with the officer's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Morris and was carried.

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

1. To note the update on the referral to The Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities;
2. To approve the additional conditions as set out in the Officer report;
3. To acknowledge late representation and to agree that no new material considerations have been raised; and
4. To acknowledge assessment of vacant sites within Town and District Centres and to acknowledge that officers will continue with the recommendations made on 21 August 2023 Planning Committee meeting to grant planning permission subject to a S106 legal agreement.

42 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning Committee was scheduled to commence at 6:00pm on Monday, 13 November 2023.

The meeting ended at 6.25 pm

Councillor Hugh Parker (Chair)