

Planning Committee

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 23 April 2019 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair)

Councillors Janet Coles (Deputy-Chair), Sammy Choudhury, Paul Metcalfe MBE, Md. Harun Miah, Colin Murdoch, Margaret Robinson and Barry Taylor

Officers in attendance:

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

110 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record, and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

111 Apologies for absence.

No apologies were received.

112 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.

Councillor Taylor declared a Pecuniary Interest in minute 115, Meads House, 26 Denton Road, as he was the owner of a care home. He withdrew from the room while the item was considered and did not vote.

113 Urgent items of business.

There were none.

114 Right to address the meeting/order of business.

The business of the meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda.

115 Meads House, 26 Denton Road. Application ID: 190038

Planning permission the creation of lower ground floor, side/rear extension, and change of use from care home (C2) to 9 x 2-bed flats, with new car and cycle parking spaces, involving demolition of existing garage – **MEADS**

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest, Councillor Taylor was absent from the room during discussion and voting on this item.

Officers advised that prior to the meeting an amendment had been submitted by the agent regarding the car parking layout.

Mr Coomber, local resident, addressed the committee in objection, raising concern regarding parking, the size of the scheme and the potential for noise disturbance.

Mr Scard, Chair of Meads Community Association, addressed the Committee in objection to the application. He referred to the lack of parking, potential increase in footfall and overdevelopment of the site. He urged the Committee to refuse the application.

Councillor Smart, Ward Councillor, addressed the Committee (from the public gallery) in objection to the application, stating that he and the local residents were not against redevelopment of the existing building into a small number of residential units. He raised concern regarding parking, overdevelopment and the impact of the application.

Mr Barnard, agent, addressed the Committee in support of the application, he explained that the rear extension had been reduced in depth and that the parking allocation met the requirements of the Highways Authority.

The Committee discussed the application and felt that the scheme would benefit from extra parking and a reduction in the number of flats.

Councillor Murray proposed a motion to reject the application. This was seconded by Councillor Murdoch.

Resolved (Unanimous): That permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. The proposal by reason of the number of units proposed and the arrangement and number of off-street parking is such that it would result in an overdevelopment of the site.
2. The lack of off-street parking is likely to result in an increase in indiscriminate on-street parking in areas of parking stress and this increased pressure for parking would be likely to lead to highway and pedestrian safety issues.

116 Brydes, 10 Wedderburn Road. Application ID: 181127

Planning Permission for the erection of a two-storey 3 bedroom dwelling with off-street car parking and driveway access, situated in the rear garden of 10 Wedderburn Road. (Amended description following receipt of revised plans) - **RATTON.**

The Committee was advised by way of an addendum report, that the application had received two additional letters of objection commenting on overlooking and risk to trees at Hockington House. The officer response was that given the distances between the properties there would not be intrusive levels of overlooking and a protection plan for all the trees to be retained was included in the resolution.

Veronica George, local resident, addressed the committee in objection raising concern regarding overdevelopment, noise, parking, loss of greenspace and outlook.

Mr Lutterer, agent, spoke in response and said that a number of measures had been taken to satisfy the neighbours objections, such as realigning the access road, changing the windows, rotating the building and retaining the majority of trees.

The Committee discussed the application and felt it was acceptable.

Councillor Miah proposed a motion to approve the application, this was seconded by Councillor Murdoch.

Resolved (Unanimous): That permission be granted as set out in the officer's report.

117 Summary of Planning Performance for period July-December 2018

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Specialist Advisor (Planning) to provide Members with a summary of performance in relation to key areas of the Development Management Services for the relevant period.

Members noted the content of the report.

118 South Down National Park Authority Planning Applications

There were none.

The meeting ended at 6.52 pm

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair)