

## **Planning Committee**

**Minutes of meeting held in the Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 23 January 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

**Present:**

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair).

Councillors Hugh Parker (Deputy-Chair), Penny di Cara, Jane Lamb, Md. Harun Miah, Amanda Morris, Barry Taylor and Candy Vaughan.

**Officers in attendance:**

Neil Collins (Senior Specialist Advisor for Planning), Helen Monaghan (Lawyer, Planning), Leigh Palmer (Head of Planning First), and Emily Horne (Committee Officer).

**48 Introductions**

Members of the Committee and Officers 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 Colin Murdoch. Councillor di Cara confirmed that she was acting as substitute for Councillor Murdoch.

**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.**

Councillor Parker declared a personal interest in item 55, Eastbourne District General Hospital, Kings Drive, as he is a Trustee of the Friends of Eastbourne Hospital.

**51 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 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.

**53 Officer Update (Addendum to the Planning Agenda of 23 January 2023)**

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).

**54 Langney Service Station, Langney Rise. ID: 220726**

Erection of single storey rear extension to existing sales building – **LANGNEY.**

The Senior Specialist Advisor (Planning) presented the report.

The Committee was advised by way of an Addendum that the submitted plans showed other development that was not part of the proposal and a revised recommendation to delegate the Head of Planning to obtain amended plans that omit development not being proposed by this application and then on receipt of the revised plans that are acceptable to Officers, to approve subject to conditions.

The Senior Specialist Advisor confirmed that revised plans had since been received that omitted the development that was not part of the proposal and the recommendation was amended to approve the application subject to conditions.

The Committee queried the hours of use and the potential for noise disturbance from the chiller unit and on-site bakery. The Senior Specialist Advisor confirmed that the Environmental Protection Officer had advised that the proposal is acceptable subject to a condition that any plant (for the chiller unit or any other part of the development) would require approval prior to implementation. This includes any required mitigation measures.

Councillor Taylor proposed a motion to approve the application in line with the officer's amended recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Morris and was carried.

**RESOLVED: (Unanimously)** that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report and officer addendum.

**55 Eastbourne District General Hospital, Kings Drive. ID: 220862**

Removal of existing modular ward building erection of a three storey clinical extension with associated roof top plant located on an existing car park – **RATTON.**

The Senior Specialist Advisor (Planning) presented the report.

The Committee was advised by way of an Addendum of one further communication received since the publication of the report from the Council's Specialist Advisor (Environmental Protection) recommending a condition for a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

The Senior Specialist Advisor verbally added an additional condition to seek to protect water sources through construction.

The Committee sought clarification on the development, car parking spaces,

EV charging points, archaeological works and green proposals.

The Senior Specialist Advisor confirmed the proposed development was an extension to the existing hospital and not part of a new hospital. The development would allow for retention of 1073 parking spaces exclusively for staff. At Members' request Officers would negotiate with the applicant for the inclusion of EV charging points for incorporation into the revised travel plan. Archaeological works were secured by condition. Officers would negotiate with the applicant for the inclusion of renewable energy equipment, tree planters and bat and bird boxes, where possible.

Councillor Taylor proposed a motion to delegate to the Head of Planning First approval of the application in line with the officer's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Miah and was carried.

**RESOLVED: (Unanimously)** that delegated authority be provided to the Head of Planning First to, where possible, negotiate renewable energy equipment, tree planters, bat and bird boxes and EV charging facilities (secured by condition), liaise with East Sussex County Council Highways with regard to any proposed Heads of Terms for the S106 and any additional conditions; and on conclusion of the consultation process for planning permission to be approved subject to conditions set out in the officer's report, the CEMP condition in the addendum (with the addition of a stipulation to protect water sources through the construction period), and subject to a S106 Agreement to secure a Local Labour Agreement; Travel Plan; and any additional East Sussex County Council Highways requested Heads of Terms.

## **56 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning Committee was scheduled to commence at 6:00pm on Monday, 27 February 2023.

The meeting ended at 6.37 pm

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair)