

Planning Committee

Thursday 12 December 2024

PRESENT:

Councillor Stevens, in the Chair.

Councillor Penrose, Vice Chair.

Councillors Allen, Mrs Bridgeman, Darcy, Freeman, Goslin, McCarty, McNamara, Raynsford (substitute for Councillor Ney), M. Smith, Sproston and Ms Watkin.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Ney.

Also in attendance: Councillor Sue Dann, Councillor Steve Ricketts, Stuart Wingfield (Head of Development Management), Julie Parkin (Senior Lawyer), Joshua Longstaff (Democratic Support), Elliot Wearne-Gould (Democratic Support), Beatrice Belgrave Jones (Public Speaker item 6.1), James Wells (Public Speaker item 6.1), Daniel Atkins (Public Speaker item 6.2), Emily Godwin (Planning Officer) and Sam Lewis (Planning Officer).

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 6.11 pm.

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52. Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Item	Reason	Interest
Freeman	6.1	Objector known to Councillor	Private
McCarty	6.2	Applicant and agent known to Councillor	Pecuniary

53. Minutes

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2024 as an accurate record.

54. Chair's Urgent Business

There were two items of Chair's urgent business:

1. The Chair advised the Planning Committee that a revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework was published at Midday on the day of committee. Chair advised that Annex I of the Framework states that:

“The policies in this Framework are material considerations which should be taken into account in dealing with applications from the day of its publication”

Officers had considered the changes to the Framework and would highlight any specific changes to the planning committee in their presentations. Officers were not yet in a position to update on the specific changes to the Council’s published five year housing land supply position.

2. The chair advised that two member referrals were received in relation to prior approval applications at 49-51 North Hill and 91 Houndiscombe Road for conversion of the properties from offices to flats.

A prior approval was an 8-week application. However, unlike with a planning application, if a decision was not issued within 56 days the applicant would receive deemed consent and works could commence.

Both the applications that were referred had exceeded the 56-day decision period and had obtained deemed consent by default meaning there was no decision for the committee to make.

55. **Questions from Members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

56. **Planning Applications for consideration**

The Committee considered the following applications, development proposals by local authorities and statutory consultations submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990, and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservations Areas) Act, 1990.

57. **24/01145/FUL - The Grenville Hotel, 82 - 84 Grenville Road, PL4 9PZ**

Applicant: Mr A. Cotterell
Ward: Sutton and Mount Gould
Decision: Deferred

Sam Lewis (Planning Officer) presented the report to the Committee.

Councillor Sue Dann spoke in capacity of Ward Councillor.

Beatrice Belgrave-Jones spoke in objection to the application.

James Wells spoke in support of the application on behalf of the applicant.

The Committee were Minded to Refuse the planning application on DEV18 insufficient evidence to justify the loss of the community facility and DEV10 insufficient outdoor amenity space, however, the Committee agreed to defer the decision in respect of the application for the following reason:

- I. To allow further consideration of the implications of the very recent updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) changes to the five year housing land supply.

For (13)

Councillors Allen, Mrs Bridgeman, Darcy, Freeman, Goslin, McCarty, McNamara, Penrose, Raynsford M. Smith, Sproston, Stevens and Ms Watkin.

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

Absent/ Did Not Vote (0)

(Councillor Allen exited the meeting at the conclusion of this item)

58. **24/01099/FUL - 24 Queen Anne Terrace, North Hill, PL4 8EG**

Applicant: Mr Geoff Easson

Ward: Drake

Decision: Grant Conditionally

Emily Godwin (Planning Officer) presented the report to the committee.

Councillor Steve Ricketts spoke in the capacity of Ward Councillor.

Daniel Atkins spoke in support of the application on behalf of the applicant.

The Committee agreed to grant the application conditionally.

For (10)

Councillors Mrs Bridgeman, Darcy, Freeman, Goslin, McNamara, Penrose, Raynsford, M. Smith, Stevens and Ms Watkin.

Against (1)

Councillor Sproston.

Abstain (0)

Absent/ Did Not Vote (2)

Councillors Allen and McCarty.

(Councillor McCarty declared a pecuniary interest as knowing the applicant and left the meeting at the commencement of this item)

59. **Planning Application Decisions Issued**

The Committee noted the report from the Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure on decisions issued for the period 05 November 2024 to 02 December 2024.

60. **Appeal Decisions**

There were no appeal decisions for the period.

61. **Exempt Business**

There were no items of exempt business.