

Planning Committee

Thursday 2 June 2011

PRESENT:

Councillor Lock, in the Chair.

Councillor Mrs Bowyer, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall (substituting Councillor Williams), Browne, Churchill, Delbridge, Mrs Foster, Mrs Nicholson, Stevens, Tuohy, Vincent and Wheeler.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Williams

Also in attendance: Ray Williams (Lead Planning Officer), Julie Rundle (Lawyer), Ross Jago (Democratic Support Officer)

The meeting started at 1.05 pm and finished at 2.50 pm.

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made by Councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in relation to items under discussion at this meeting –

Name	Minute No. and Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor Browne	6.1 6 Latimer Walk, Plymouth. 11/00377/FUL.	Ward Councillor	Personal
Councillor Stevens	6.2 8 St Maurice Road, Plymouth. 10/01802/FUL	Have relatives who reside in the area of the proposed site.	Personal

2. MINUTES

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2011.

CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

3. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed new member Councillor Churchill, returning member Councillor Mrs Nicholson and substitute member Councillor Mrs Aspinall to the committee.

4. **MEMBER AND OFFICER PROTOCOL**

The Chair highlighted that some officers had been subject to undue criticism by members at previous meetings of the committee.

The Chair reminded members to familiarise themselves with the policy document on the protocol for member employee relations.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. **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 Conservation Areas) Act, 1990.

Addendum reports were submitted in respect of minute numbers 5.2 and 5.4.

6.1 6 LATIMER WALK, PLYMOUTH. 11/00377/FUL.

(Mr. Michael Askew)

Decision:

Application **GRANTED** conditionally.

6.2 8 ST MAURICE ROAD, PLYMOUTH. 10/01802/FUL.

(Mr. Stephen Darke)

Decision:

Application **REFUSED** on the grounds that-

1. the proposed development, by virtue of the odours likely to be created, would have a detrimental impact on the amenities of the surrounding residential area, and as such would be contrary to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Policy CS22 (1);
2. the proposed development includes an unsatisfactory car parking area and a dangerous access. These elements of the scheme would create conditions which would be prejudicial to public safety. As such the proposed development would be contrary to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Policy CS34 (7 and 8).

(At the invitation of the Chair, the committee heard representations against the application from Councillor Mrs Beer, Ward Councillor).

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**6.3 LAND OFF CUNDY CLOSE PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH.
11/00149/FUL**

(Persimmon Homes South West)

Decision:

Application **DEFERRED** for a site visit and to allow officers to further consider the proposed development in terms of development plan policy for the wider area and report back to committee.

(At the invitation of the Chair the Committee heard representations against the application from Councillor Nicholson, Ward Councillor.)

(At the invitation of the Chair the Committee heard from the applicant's agent.)

(Councillor Mrs. Nicholson's proposal to defer for a site visit, having been seconded by Councilor Browne, was put to the vote and declared carried.)

**6.4 LAND AT WESTON MILL LAKE, PLYMOUTH.
11/00634/FUL.**

(Secretary of State for Defence)

Decision:

Application **GRANTED** conditionally.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS ISSUED

The Committee received a report from the Assistant Director of Development (Planning Services) on decisions issued for the period 16 April to 22 May 2011, including –

- Committee decisions
- Delegated decisions, subject to conditions where so indicated
- Applications withdrawn
- Applications returned as invalid

8. APPEAL DECISIONS

The committee raised concerns that the delegated authority had been used to refuse application 10/01181/FUL on the basis of inadequate car parking and cycle storage. The application would have resulted in a net reduction of dwellings and therefore should not have been refused on the basis of inadequate car parking.

The lead planning officer advised the committee that the decision was based on the change of use from six bedsits to self-contained flats and it was the officer's opinion that occupiers of the proposed flats would be more likely to own vehicles.

The committee requested that officers consider adding informatives on decision notices advising that new residential occupiers could be excluded from existing or future Residents' Parking Permit schemes, instead of refusing permission for such proposals on car parking grounds.

Agreed that the report be noted.

9. **ENFORCEMENT APPEAL SUMMARY**

Agreed that the report be noted.

10. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

SCHEDULE OF VOTING (Pages 1 - 2)

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AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THESE MINUTES.