

Minutes of the Special Planning Committee (Large Scale Major Application) held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 27 February 2024

Chair - Councillor B McKeown

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

B M Cross D M McNaughton

F D J James A Nixon
E G R Jones J P Read
P W Jones S N Spencer

Also present: - Councillor M G Dodson

Officers in attendance:-

J Holmes - Development Manager E Handley - Senior Planning Officer S Hoang - Senior Planning Officer

L Collingridge - Principal Solicitor

J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

PC69 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Kenney and M Phillips.

PC70 Application Nos 23/37238/FUL and 23/37342/LBC - Shugborough Park, Lichfield Road, Shugborough, Stafford

(Recommend approval, subject to conditions and the applicant entering into a planning obligation).

A site visit took place with Members arriving on site at 10:10. The site was viewed from Lichfield Lodge, WWII building, Education Centre and the Walled Garden. Members left the site at 10:50 and the meeting was convened at 11:20.

Members considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding this matter.

Prior to his presentation, the Senior Planning Officer summerised the content of an additional representation received pertaining to highways matters before suggesting an update to recommendation No 6 to delete Item No (iii) and replace with a new separate condition relating to an arboricultural method statement (Item (d) would no longer be required).

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:-

S Hawley spoke in support of the application.

Arising from consideration of the application, Members raised the following points:-

- Nature of proposed overflow car parking
- Retention of bridge over the brook
- Entrance to site from Lichfield Road

Councillor E G R Jones subsequently moved and Councillor A Nixon seconded that application No 23/37238/FUL be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in the report and the suggested amendment to Condition No 6.

On being put to the vote the proposal to approved the application was carried.

RESOLVED:- (a) that planning application No 23/37238/FUL be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning, the applicant entering into a planning obligation and the following amendment to Condition No 6:-

> Item No (iii) be deleted and replaced with a new separate condition relating to an arboricultural method statement (Item (d) would no longer be required).

Continuing, the Committee received the presentation of the Senior Planning Officer relating to the associated planning application No 23/37342/LBC.

Councillor E G R Jones subsequently moved and Councillor J P Read seconded that application No 23/37342/LBC be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in the report and the suggested amendment to Condition No 6.

On being put to the vote the proposal to approved the application was carried.

RESOLVED:- (b) that planning application No 23/37342/LBC be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning, the applicant entering into a planning obligation and the following amendment to Condition No 6:-

> Item No (iii) be deleted and replaced with a new separate condition relating to an arboricultural method statement (Item (d) would no longer be required).

PC71 Application No 23/37621/FUL - Land North of Lower Hanyards Farm, Hanyards Lane, Tixall

(Recommend approval, subject to conditions).

A site visit took place with Members arriving on site at 09:45. The site was viewed from 3 points on Hanyards Lane. Members left the site at 10:00 and the meeting was convened at 11:20.

Members considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding this matter.

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:-

T Follows spoke in objection to the application.

P Bailey spoke in support of the application.

The matter had been called in for consideration by Local Ward Member Councillor F Beatty who was not present at the meeting; accordingly the Principal Solicitor read a prepared statement on her behalf.

Arising from consideration of the application, Members raised the following points:-

- Controls limiting capacity of the site
- Provision of flooding mitigation
- Screening of the development and provision of attenuation ponds
- Potential lifespan of the proposal

Councillor S N Spencer subsequently moved and Councillor F D J James seconded that the application be deferred, pending receipt of further information regarding flood mitigation and screening to the West of the site.

On being put to the vote the proposal to defer the application was carried.

RESOLVED:- that planning application No 23/37621/FUL be deferred pending receipt of further information regarding flood mitigation and screening to the West of the site.

CHAIR