

Minutes of the Planning Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Thursday 22 June 2023

Chair - Councillor B McKeown

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

Councillors:	
B M Cross	D M McNaughton
A D Hobbs	M Phillips
F D J James	J P Read
E G R Jones	S N Spencer
P W Jones	

Officers in attendance:-

J Holmes	-	Development Manager
J Allsop	-	Planning Officer
STurner	-	Legal Services Manager
J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

## PC9 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Kenney and A Nixon (substituted by Councillor A D Hobbs).

## PC10 Application No 21/35159/OUT - Former Meaford Power Station, Meaford Road, Meadford

(Recommend approval, subject to no intervention by the Secretary of State, a planning obligation to provide a Travel Plan monitoring fee and conditions).

The Committee arrived at the site at 10.40 am, departed at 11.35 am and reconvened at the County Buildings at 12.30 pm. Members viewed the site from the Canal bridge, the track through the site and its northern entrance.

Considered the report of the Head of Development regarding this matter.

Public speaking on the matter was as follows:-

J Bonner spoke in support of the proposal.

The Committee subsequently discussed the application and raised a number of issues, including:-

- Proposal was a great opportunity to generate jobs in the area
- Concerns regarding the volume of associated traffic generated
- Potential for a 'rat-run' to be created through Barlaston vilage
- Potential for habitat loss on the site
- Some proposed buildings would be visible from the nearby canal
- Some of the units perceived to be of excessive height
- General lack of objections to the proposal

Councillor B M Cross duly moved and Councillor F D J James seconded that the application be approved, subject to no intervention by the Secretary of State, a planning obligation to provide a Travel Plan monitoring fee and the conditions as set out in the report.

On being put to the vote the proposal was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that planning application 21/35159/OUT be approved, subject to no intervention by the Secretary of State, a planning obligation to provide a Travel Plan monitoring fee and the conditions as set out in the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning.

## PC11 Application No 22/36826/FUL - Land to the West of Holdiford Road, Stafford

(Recommend approval, subject to the conditions).

The Committee arrived at the site at 9.50 am, departed at 10.10 am and reconvened at the County Buildings at 12.30 pm. Members viewed the site from the nearby railway bridge and the site access on Holdiford Road.

Considered the report of the Head of Development regarding this matter.

During her presentation the Planning Officer suggested an amendment to Condition 8 to allow hours of operation at the site to commence at 6.00am during the summer months.

Public speaking on the matter was as follows:-

C Preston spoke in support of the proposal.

The Committee subsequently discussed the application and raised a number of issues, including:-

- Construction materials for the associated shelter
- Security measures at the site in question
- Hours of operation

Councillor M Phillips duly moved and Councillor B M Cross seconded that the application be approved, subject to an amendment to Condition 8, and the other Conditions as set out in the report.

On being put to the vote the proposal was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that planning application 22/36826/FUL be approved, subject to the conditions as set out in the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning, and the following amended condition:-

Condition 8: The site shall only be used for the approved purpose of supervised dog exercising between the hours **06.00**-20.00 during the months of March to August (**08.00** at weekends), and 08.00-16.00 during the months of September to February.

CHAIR