

BOROUGH WIDE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Malcolm Alexander (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Maureen Hunt, Derek Wilson, Gerry Clark, Christine Bateson, Malcolm Beer, David Hilton, Colin Rayner, Leo Walters, Jesse Grey and Geoff Hill

Officers: Mary Severin, Andy Carswell, Jenifer Jackson and Claire Pugh

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bicknell, Burbage, Dr Evans, Kellaway and Saunders. Cllr Clark was attending as a substitute.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rayner declared a personal interest in item 1 as he had previously been in a joint venture with the applicant. However this had come to an end three years ago.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on May 10th 2018 were agreed as an accurate record, save for a small amendment to include Cllr Clark as having been in attendance. Cllr Beer stated his belief that the final paragraph on page 8 gave the impression that all of the Panel Members had been supportive of the reasons given for Very Special Circumstances, and that no concerns had been raised.

The minutes of the meeting held on June 13th 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (DECISION)

18/01169/FULL	Construction of a B1 Office building following demolition of the existing barns.
Straw Barn, Mount Farm, Choke Lane, Maidenhead	<p>A motion to Defer and Delegate approval to the Head of Planning, subject to the agreement of planning conditions in association with the Panel Chairman and Cllrs Hill and Rayner, contrary to the Officer recommendation, was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Rayner.</p> <p>The reasons for going against Officer recommendation included the economic redevelopment of the location as an employment site; the proposals would enhance the site by way of its design; and demolishing the existing building would enhance the openness of the Green Belt.</p> <p>Ten Panel Members (Cllrs Alexander, Bateson, Clark, Grey, Hill, Hilton, Hunt, Rayner, Walters and Wilson) voted in favour of the motion. Cllr Beer abstained from voting.</p> <p>The application would return to Panel if conditions relating to the Sustainable Drainage Strategy could not be agreed.</p>

	(Speakers: The Panel was addressed by Tom Copas, the applicant.)
18/01311/FULL The Farmers Boy, 2 Harrow Lane, Maidenhead SL6 7PE	<p>Construction of a three-storey building comprising x6 two-bed and x5 one-bed flats with on site parking and access off Harrow Lane</p> <p>A motion to Defer and Delegate approval to the Head of Planning, subject to the agreement of planning conditions in association with the Panel Chairman, contrary to the Officer recommendation, was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Wilson.</p> <p>The reasons for going against Officer recommendation included the property not having attracted any interest as a viable business since being marketed in March 2017; the property was not listed as an asset of community value; no objections had been received about the loss of a community facility; the ridge height was the same as the buildings on the opposite side of the road from the site; and by way of its design and bulk it would not impact negatively on the character of the existing street scene.</p> <p>Six Panel Members (Cllrs Clark, Grey, Hill, Hunt, Rayner and Wilson) voted in favour of the motion and five Panel Members (Cllrs Alexander, Bateson, Beer, Hilton and Walters) voted against the motion.</p> <p>(Speakers: The Panel was addressed by Paul Dickinson, on behalf of the agent.)</p>

The meeting, which began at 7.00 pm, finished at 8.30 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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