

WINDSOR AND ASCOT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors David Cannon (Chairman), John Bowden (Vice-Chairman), Christine Bateson, Julian Sharpe, Shamsul Shelim, Amy Tisi, Neil Knowles, Wisdom Da Costa and Jon Davey

Also in attendance: Councillor John Baldwin and Councillor Gurch Singh

Officers: Oran Norris-Browne, Jo Richards and Sian Saadeh

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bowden declared that he was a Ward Councillor for Eton & Castle, where all 3 applications fell under. He added that in 2017, he also sat on the panel that granted the original planning permission to the property in applications 21/02367/FULL & 21/02368/LBC. He added that he had also attended public and private meetings at the location of the application 21/02063/FULL. He noted that he was attending the meeting with an open mind and was merely declaring this for transparency.

Councillor Davey declared that he had a pecuniary interest in application 21/02063/FULL, having launched a publication with the premises sponsoring it in November 2021. He stated that he would leave the room and not participate in voting on this application.

Councillor Shelim also declared that he was a Ward Councillor for Eton & Castle, where all 3 applications fell under. This was merely for transparency and he attended the meeting with an open mind.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 1st December 2021, be a true and accurate record.

21/02367/FULL - 109 HIGH STREET - ETON - WINDSOR - SL4 6AN

A motion was put forward by Councillor Knowles to permit the application as per officer's recommendation for the reasons listed in section 13 of the main report and the amendment made to condition 2. This was seconded by Councillor Davey.

A named vote was taken.

21/02367/FULL - 109 HIGH STREET - ETON - WINDSOR - SL4 6AN (Motion)	
Councillor David Cannon	For
Councillor John Bowden	Against
Councillor Christine Bateson	Against
Councillor Julian Sharpe	Against
Councillor Shamsul Shelim	Against
Councillor Amy Tisi	For
Councillor Neil Knowles	For
Councillor Wisdom Da Costa	Against
Councillor Jon Davey	For
Rejected	

The motion fell.

A second motion was then put forward by Councillor Bowden to refuse the application, which was against officer's recommendation on the basis that there was a loss in commercial floorspace contrary to Neighbour plan's policies BL1 & BL2 and the harmful impact that it would have on the vitality of Eton High Street.

A named vote was taken.

21/02367/FULL - 109 HIGH STREET - ETON - WINDSOR - SL4 6AN (Motion)	
Councillor David Cannon	Against
Councillor John Bowden	For
Councillor Christine Bateson	For
Councillor Julian Sharpe	For
Councillor Shamsul Shelim	For
Councillor Amy Tisi	Against
Councillor Neil Knowles	Against
Councillor Wisdom Da Costa	For
Councillor Jon Davey	Against
Carried	

RESOLVED: That the application be refused, which was against officer's recommendation.

The panel were addressed by Dr Ros Rivaz, objector, Parish Councillor Malcolm Leach, Mr Dan Lewandowski, Applicant's Representative and Ward Councillor Rayner.

21/02368/LBC - 109 HIGH STREET - ETON - WINDSOR - SL4 6AN

A motion was put forward by Councillor Knowles to permit the application as per officer's recommendation for the reasons listed in section 12 of the main report and the amendment made to condition 3. This was seconded by Councillor Davey.

A named vote was taken.

21/02368/LBC - 109 HIGH STREET - ETON - WINDSOR - SL4 6AN (Motion)	
Councillor David Cannon	For
Councillor John Bowden	Against
Councillor Christine Bateson	For
Councillor Julian Sharpe	Against
Councillor Shamsul Shelim	Against
Councillor Amy Tisi	For
Councillor Neil Knowles	For
Councillor Wisdom Da Costa	Against
Councillor Jon Davey	For
Carried	

RESOLVED: That the application be permitted, in line with officer's recommendation.

21/02063/FULL - MERCURE CASTLE HOTEL - 18 HIGH STREET - WINDSOR - SL4 1LJ

Due to his declaration of a pecuniary interest at the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Davey left the meeting at this time and did not take any further part in the discussions or the voting.

A motion was put forward by Councillor Sharpe to refuse the application, as per officer's recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor Knowles.

A named vote was taken.

21/02063/FULL - MERCURE CASTLE HOTEL - 18 HIGH STREET - (Motion)	
Councillor David Cannon	Against
Councillor John Bowden	Against
Councillor Christine Bateson	Against
Councillor Julian Sharpe	For
Councillor Shamsul Shelim	Against
Councillor Amy Tisi	For
Councillor Neil Knowles	For
Councillor Wisdom Da Costa	For
Councillor Jon Davey	Conflict Of Interests
Drawn	

The casting vote was made by the Chairman, which was against. Therefore, the motion fell.

A second motion was proposed by Councillor Bowden to permit the application, which was against officer's recommendation on the basis that the harm that would arise to the heritage assets, would be outweighed by the public and economic benefits that would arise from the area. Responsibility would be delegated to the Head of Planning to agree additional conditions with the applicant including operational hours, to limit noise pollution. This was seconded by Councillor Shelim.

A named vote was taken.

21/02063/FULL - MERCURE CASTLE HOTEL - 18 HIGH STREET - (Motion)	
Councillor David Cannon	For
Councillor John Bowden	For
Councillor Christine Bateson	For
Councillor Julian Sharpe	Against
Councillor Shamsul Shelim	For
Councillor Amy Tisi	Against
Councillor Neil Knowles	Against
Councillor Wisdom Da Costa	Against
Councillor Jon Davey	Conflict Of Interests
Drawn	

The casting vote was made by the Chairman, which was for. Therefore, the motion passed.

AGREED: That the application be approved, which was against officer's recommendation.

The panel were addressed by Mr Maarten De Vries, objector, Mr Sam Goss, Applicant and Ward Councillor Rayner

PLANNING APPEALS RECEIVED AND PLANNING DECISION REPORT

The committee noted the planning appeals received and the planning decision report.

The meeting, which began at 7.05 pm, finished at 9.00 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....