

MAIDENHEAD DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Maureen Hunt (Chairman), Leo Walters (Vice-Chairman), John Baldwin, Gurpreet Bhangra, Mandy Brar, Gerry Clark, Geoff Hill, Joshua Reynolds and David Coppinger

Also in attendance: Councillor Gurch Singh and Councillor Donna Stimson

Officers: Oran Norris-Browne, Karen Shepherd, Helena Stevenson and Sian Saadeh

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022 be a true and accurate record.

20/03149/OUT - MAIDENHEAD SPIRITUALIST CHURCH YORK ROAD MAIDENHEAD SL6 1SH

A motion was put forward by Councillor Hill to permit the application, which was in line with Officer Recommendations, subject to the points that were laid out in paragraph 1.9 of the report. This was seconded by Councillor Baldwin.

A named vote was taken.

20/03149/OUT - MAIDENHEAD SPIRITUALIST CHURCH YORK ROAD MAIDENHEAD SL6 1SH (Motion)	
Councillor Maureen Hunt	Against
Councillor Leo Walters	Against
Councillor John Baldwin	For
Councillor Gurpreet Bhangra	Against
Councillor Mandy Brar	Against
Councillor Gerry Clark	Against
Councillor Geoffrey Hill	For
Councillor Joshua Reynolds	Against
Councillor David Coppinger	For
Rejected	

The motion fell.

A motion was put forward by Councillor Reynolds to refuse the application which was against officer recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor Walters. This was based on the following three reasons.

1. The application failed to provide affordable housing to meet the needs of the local population contrary to Borough Local Plan policy HO3. This harm was considered to

- have substantial weight and the evidence provided to justify the lack of affordable housing provision was not considered to outweigh this harm.
2. The proposed development failed to provide an adequate buffer to the river bank of the adjacent waterway and would therefore cause harm to nature conservation and habitats. The proposal would therefore be contrary to Borough Local Plan policies NR1 and NR2.
 3. The proposed development would be harmful to the character of the area and would be harmful to the living conditions of nearby properties due to loss of light and privacy. The proposed development would result in a significant change to the character of the site by introducing a densely built-up form. The proposal was therefore contrary to Borough Local Plan policy QP3.

A named vote was taken.

20/03149/OUT - MAIDENHEAD SPIRITUALIST CHURCH YORK ROAD MAIDENHEAD SL6 1SH (Motion)	
Councillor Maureen Hunt	For
Councillor Leo Walters	For
Councillor John Baldwin	Against
Councillor Gurpreet Bhangra	For
Councillor Mandy Brar	For
Councillor Gerry Clark	For
Councillor Geoffrey Hill	Against
Councillor Joshua Reynolds	For
Councillor David Coppinger	Against
Carried	

RESOLVED: That the application be refused on the above grounds.

The committee were addressed by 4 registered speakers. Georgina Kynaston, Objector, Kevin Scott, Applicant's representative, Councillor Singh Ward Councillor and Councillor Stimson, Ward Councillor.

PLANNING APPEALS RECEIVED AND PLANNING DECISION REPORT

The Committee noted the report.

The meeting, which began at 7.05 pm, finished at 8.25 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....