

WINDSOR AND ASCOT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday 8 February 2024

Present: Councillors Amy Tisi (Chair), Mark Wilson (Vice-Chair), David Buckley, Alison Carpenter, Carole Da Costa, Devon Davies, Julian Sharpe and Julian Tisi

Officers In attendance: Mikey Lloyd, Jo Richards, Gilian Macinnes and Tom Hughes

Officers in attendance virtually: Helena Stevenson

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Luxton.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor A. Tisi declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 5 as she was the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Windsor, and the applicant was RBWM.

Minutes

AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 January 2024 were a true and accurate record.

23/02211/FULL - College Eton College Slough Road Eton Windsor SL4 6DJ

A motion was proposed by Councillor J. Tisi to grant planning permission on the satisfactory completion of a Unilateral Undertaking to secure the carbon off set contribution set out in Section 10 of this report and with the conditions listed in Section 14 of this report. This was seconded by Councillor Da Costa.

A named vote was taken.

23/02211/FULL - College Eton College Slough Road Eton Windsor SL4 6DJ (Motion)	
Councillor Amy Tisi	For
Councillor Mark Wilson	For
Councillor David Buckley	For
Councillor Alison Carpenter	For
Councillor Carole Da Costa	For
Councillor Devon Davies	For
Councillor Julian Sharpe	For
Councillor Julian Tisi	For
Carried	

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY: To grant planning permission on the satisfactory completion of a Unilateral Undertaking to secure the carbon off set contribution set out in Section 10 of this report and with the conditions listed in Section 14 of this report.

The Committee was addressed by one registered speaker. John Bowles, Applicant.

(Councillor A. Tisi, The Chair, left the room at 7:26pm due to declaring a conflict of interest with the next item as she was the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Windsor. Councillor Wilson, Vice Chair, took over as Chair for the next item.)

23/02834/FULL - Trevelyan Middle School Wood Close Windsor SL4 3LL

A motion was proposed by Councillor Sharpe to grant planning permission with the conditions listed in Section 14 of the report. This was seconded by Councillor Carpenter.

A named vote was taken.

23/02834/FULL - Trevelyan Middle School Wood Close Windsor SL4 3LL (Motion)	
Councillor Amy Tisi	Conflict Of Interests
Councillor Mark Wilson	For
Councillor David Buckley	For
Councillor Alison Carpenter	For
Councillor Carole Da Costa	For
Councillor Devon Davies	For
Councillor Julian Sharpe	For
Councillor Julian Tisi	For
Carried	

AGREED: To grant planning permission with the conditions listed in Section 14 of the report.

Planning Appeals Received and Planning Decision Report

(Councillor A. Tisi re-entered the room at 7:35pm following the completion of the previous agenda item.)

Councillor Sharpe said he was surprised at the Ascentia House appeal decision and asked the Planning Team why the appeal was successful.

Jo Richards, Development Management Team Manager, explained that they had refused the initial application based on technical grounds as they believed that the proposed building exceeded height limits outlined in their interpretation of legislation class ZA, specifically surpassing two stories above part of the existing structure, and extending beyond seven meters. Jo Richards explained that the appeal decision from the inspector differed and that the upper limit of the existing building should have been considered when comparing heights between existing and proposed structures and as a result the appeal was allowed. It was noted that counsel opinion was sought regarding the interpretation of the legislation, but that counsel opinion supported the inspector’s interpretation.

Jo Richards continued that the counsel opinion had a positive outcome relating to the use of a condition which required the applicant to seek mitigation for impacts on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA before commencing development.

It was noted that the General Permitted Development Order (GDPO) encompassed various provisions allowing developers to change the use or extend upwards, including some newer provisions and officers were doing what they could in terms of working within the legislation.

The Committee noted the report.

The meeting, which began at 7.03 pm, finished at 7.39 pm

Chair.....

Date.....