

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Planning Committee held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 12
November 2020

Present:

Members: Councillor L Harvard (Chair)
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor A Andrews
Councillor R Auluck (Deputy Chair)
Councillor R Bailey
Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor C Miks
Councillor D Skinner
Councillor S Walsh

Other Members: Councillor D Welsh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities

Employees Present:

L Albrighton, Highways and Transportation
S Evans, Law and Governance
M Fothergill, Planning and Regulation
A Lynch, Planning and Regulation
S Evans, Law and Governance
U Patel, Law and Governance
A Saleem, Planning and Regulation
C Sinclair, Law and Governance
R Thomas, Highways and Transportation

Public Business

90. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

91. **Members Declarations of Contact on Planning Applications**

There were no declarations of contact.

92. **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 15 October 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2020 were agreed as a true record.

93. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED that, under 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business referred to in Minute 90 below relating to “Enforcement Issue” on the grounds that the

item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2, 6(a) and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

94. **Late Representations**

The Committee noted a tabled report which summarised late representations and responses on the following:

Application	Site	Minute
FUL/2020/0966	Cornerways Farm, Washbrook Lane	96

95. **Application OM/2020/0935 - Transco, Abbots, Lane**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the consideration of this item had to be deferred to a future meeting.

96. **Application FUL/2020/0966 - Cornerways Farm, Washbrook Lane**

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Lead, Planning and Major Developments detailing the above application for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of 5 detached residential dwellings and associated ancillary works. The application was recommended for approval subject to conditions.

The late representations document tabled at the meeting outlined further conditions in relation to drainage. In addition, a late representation that was received was reported at the meeting.

A registered speaker was present at the meeting and spoke in respect of his objections to the application. A statement objecting to the application was read out on behalf of registered speakers. The applicant's representative was also present at the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

Following consideration of the report and the representations made at the meeting, the Committee considered that given the scale of the proposal, a condition be added to prevent any further development and external storage on the site within the area hatched green on the final approved drawings.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application FUL/2020/0966 subject to conditions listed within the report, the conditions listed within the late representations document and the additional condition mentioned above restricting any further development.

(Note: Councillor S Walsh did not vote as he was not present for the entire discussion on the application.)

97. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

98. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of public business.

PRIVATE BUSINESS

99. Enforcement Issue

The Committee considered whether or not the City Council as local planning authority should instigate the appropriate enforcement action in respect of the breach of planning control as notified to them in respect of the wilful destruction of a tree which was the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

This was in accordance with the Constitution which required that all planning enforcement prosecutions be authorised by Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that Planning Committee delegates (a) the formal prosecution of the case and (b) the seeking of suitable compensation for the loss of the tree; as reported in respect of the wilful destruction of a protected tree at Paxton Lodge, London Road, to the Strategic Lead, Planning and Major Developments and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services.

(Note: This item was taken as an urgent item of private business due to the nature of the breach and to expedite any appropriate enforcement action needed.)

(Meeting closed at 3.05 pm)