

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Planning Committee held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 23**  
**January 2020**

Present:

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

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: M Andrews, S Choudhury, C Sinclair, E Spandley, C Thomson, C Whitehouse

Apologies: Councillor N Akhtar and R Bailey

## **Public Business**

### **76. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor A Andrews declared an interest in the matter referred to at Minute 82 below entitled "Application S73/2019/2774 – 23 Innis Road". His interest arose as he had previously objected to the planning application on this site and this application was to vary a condition on that permission. He withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this matter.

### **77. Members Declarations of Contact on Planning Applications**

There were no declarations of contacts.

### **78. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 December 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2019 were signed as a true record.

### **79. Late Representations**

The Late Representation document was tabled.

### **80. Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

### **81. Application FUL/2019/2641 - 10 Brill Close**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for conversion of the dwelling house into a 7-person house in multiple occupation (HIMO). The application was recommended for approval.

Councillor T Sawdon, a Wainbody Ward Councillor, attended the meeting and spoke in respect of his objections to the application. The applicant's agent also attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

**RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application FUL/2019/2641 subject to conditions.**

**82. Application S73/2019/2774 - 23 Innis Road**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for variation of Condition no 2 (drawing numbers to increase ridge height) imposed on planning permission FUL/20183439 for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and associated works granted on 14 March 2019. The application was recommended for approval.

A registered public speaker attended the meeting and spoke in respect of their objections to the application. The applicant also attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

**RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application S73/2019/2774 subject to conditions.**

**83. Pre-application Charging Regime**

The Committee noted a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation which set out details of a pre-application charging regime for planning advice. The charging scheme had been reported to the Planning Committee for noting and the Cabinet Member for approving in August 2017.

Charging for major development pre-application advice was already being undertaken however the report indicated that, due to significant and ongoing delays with the introduction of a new IT system and appointing permanent staff, the remainder of the pre-application request charging scheme had not been implemented.

The increased pressure for local authorities to be self-financing by 2020 and, with the emphasis on the City Council to become more commercially minded, officers had reviewed the existing regimes in the planning, highway and drainage service areas and proposed changes to provide a 'one stop shop' approach. The scheme was set out as an appendix to the report.

It was also proposed that the charging schedule would be reviewed on an annual basis and fee adjusted where appropriate.

**84. 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.

(Meeting closed at 3.00 pm)