

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST 2022, AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present:

B Collier (Chairman), Mrs L Anderson, A Cooper, S Hayes, D Matthews, G Russell, J Smith

Also present:

Mrs K Elliott-Turner, Town Clerk, one member of the public

95/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Buck and S Dhaliwal. Councillor T Bhasin was absent without apologies.

96/22 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests, or requests for dispensations. Members were reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.

97/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSE

None present.

98/22 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

99/22 PLANNING APPEAL – 5 THE AVENUE

Notification received of an Appeal against refusal: 5 The Avenue, Stotfold, SG5 4LY Single storey rear extension. Application ref: CB/22/00549/FULL Appeal ref: APP/P0240/W/22/3298097. Members noted that we had not been consulted on the original application, and the Clerk has checked and confirmed that this was the case. The appeals team advise that because the decision has already been made, we cannot make comment to Central Bedfordshire Council, but as it is now going to appeal, we can make comment direct to the Planning Inspector.

RESOLVED that the Planning Inspector is advised that we were not consulted on the original application, however we have no objections to the proposal, as the applicant is serving our community.

100/22 EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN – RESPONSE TO APPLICATION

Members noted executive action taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to make a response to an application, as follows:

CB/22/02858/TD Prior Notification of Telecommunications Development: Installation of a new 15m monopole tower to support antenna, associated radio-equipment housing and ancillary development - Arlesey Road, Stotfold, SG5 4QE

Town Council comment: Object – we object to a such a monolithic structure being erected in the proposed prominent location, and more importantly, to the size of the mast and cabinets attached to it. This equipment is proposed to be erected on a busy junction, on a main walking/cycling route to school (Etonbury Academy and Pix Brook

Academy). This is a major crossing point for children travelling to school and involves a four-point traffic light crossing. Whilst we note that the proposed cabinets have a different position to the previous application for the telecoms mast/cabinets, the phasing of these lights would mean that cars pulling out of Hitchin Road into Arlesey Road, would possibly not be able to see children using the crossing point, who could be hidden by the cabinets and mast, which we strongly believe will interfere with safe vision splay for drivers. We also wish to advise, that there may be a possible gas main running under the proposed location of the mast.

101/22 PLANNING DECISIONS

Nothing to report.

102/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A member of the public addressed committee, and gave their views on application CB/22/02481/FULL 25 Mulberry Close, SG5 4NL

RESOLVED that the comments made on the applications as listed and forming part of these minutes be forwarded to the Central Bedfordshire Council Planning department.

103/22 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS BY CENTRAL BEDS DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It is not considered necessary to call in any applications for consideration by the Central Bedfordshire Council Development Management Committee.

104/22 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

Nothing to note.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.42pm.

MINUTES APPROVED (date):

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN:

Planning Applications Received

Committee meeting: 3rd August 2022

Comments made by Stotfold Town Council's Planning Committee, on applications received

[CB/22/02481/FULL](#)

comments due 08/08/22

25 Mulberry Close, Stotfold, SG5 4NL

Erection of a two storey rear extension and new front porch under existing roof canopy

Town Council comments: Object – this proposal constitutes over development of the site, it is an overbearing development and would cause severe loss of light to the adjacent dwelling. We also believe that this would set a precedent in Mulberry Close for similar developments.

[CB/22/02297/FULL](#)

comments due 10/08/22

4 Tansy Avenue, Stotfold, SG5 4GJ

To replace the existing low level knee rail fence around the perimeter of the garden on the side of the property with a wall.

Town Council comments: No objections

[CB/22/02674/FULL](#)

comments due 19/08/22

23 St Mary's Avenue, Stotfold, SG5 4NF

Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and alterations to existing garage

Town Council comments: No objections