

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING Committee held in the Remote Meeting using Microsoft Teams on TUESDAY, 9 February 2021

Present: Councillor N Smith (Chairman)

Councillors R Boam, D Bigby, A J Bridgen, D Everitt, J Houlton, J Legrys, M B Wyatt, R Ashman (Substitute for Councillor S Gillard) and G Houlton (Substitute for Councillor D Harrison)

In Attendance: Councillors R Canny, A C Saffell, M D Hay and C A Sewell

Officers: Mr C Elston, Mr J Mattley, Miss S Odedra, Mrs C Hammond, Mr T Delaney, Mr A Mellor, Ms C Proudfoot and Mrs M Scott

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors S Gillard and D Harrison.

53. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members declared the following interests:

Councillor R Ashman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item A1, application number 19/01496/OUTM, as in his capacity as Portfolio Holder he had met with the developers, always in the presence of officers, and he had also met with Councillors R Canny and T Saffell (Ward Members) about the application.

Councillor D Bigby declared a non-pecuniary interest in item A1, application number 19/01496/OUTM, as he had previously made personal, public statements about the development of warehouses in general.

Members declared that they had been lobbied without influence in respect of the following applications but had come to the meeting with an open mind.

Item A1, application number 19/01496/OUTM

Councillors R Ashman, D Bigby, A Bridgen, J Legrys and N Smith.

54. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2021.

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by Councillor A Bridgen and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

55. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Street Protection Team Leader presented the report to members.

A number of members thanked officers of the Environmental Protection Team for the report before them and for the work that they were carrying out. One member expressed disappointment with the service, as they were aware of a number of issues that were still outstanding.

Chairman's initials

It was moved by Councillor A Bridgen, seconded by Councillor J Hoult and

RESOLVED THAT:

The information in the report be noted.

56. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure, as amended by the update sheet circulated at the meeting.

57. A1

19/01496/OUTM: DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 92,500 SQ M GIA OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION UNITS (B8), INDUSTRIAL UNITS (B2) AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL UNITS (B1C); SERVICE YARDS AND PARKING AREAS; NEW VEHICULAR ACCESSES OFF TRENT LANE / STATION ROAD AND RYECROFT ROAD WITH ASSOCIATED EARTHWORKS, DRAINAGE AND ATTENUATION FEATURES AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS (OUTLINE, ALL MATTERS RESERVED EXCEPT FOR THE PRINCIPAL MEANS OF VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE SITE).

Land South Of Junction 1 Of The A50 Castle Donington Leicestershire

Officer's Recommendation: Refuse

The Chairman drew member's attention to the significant change to the recommendation for the application, as detailed in the update sheet.

The Legal Advisor provided advice to the members on the options that were available to members in determining how they progressed with the consideration of the item.

Some members raised concerns over the short period of time the committee had been given to consider the change to the recommendation and sought clarity on the timeline for the changes that had been made. They also asked whether the applicant could demand that the application be deferred, how soon the application would be reported back to committee and whether the application should be considered at the same time as another development in the vicinity.

Officers advised members on the reasons for now recommending deferral of the application, the timeline of the request from the applicant to defer and the advice that had been sought following the request. It was noted that the timings for bringing the application back before committee would depend on how soon the applicant could submit the proposed changes and the length of time officers would need to assess them. It was highlighted that the applicant would be encouraged to submit the revised landscaping proposals they were now offering as soon as possible however a deadline for submission could not be stipulated as it was not normal practice. Members had regard to the fact that the amended application and any other application in the area would be considered when they were ready, and not necessarily at the same meeting.

A motion to defer the application in accordance with the officer recommendation as set out in the update sheet was moved by Councillor M Wyatt and seconded by Councillor R Ashman.

The Chairman put the motion to the vote. A recorded vote being required, the voting was as detailed below.

RESOLVED THAT:

The application be deferred, in accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure as set out in the update sheet.

Chairman's initials

Motion to defer the application in accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure, as set out in the update sheet (Motion)	
Councillor Nigel Smith	For
Councillor Russell Boam	For
Councillor Dave Bigby	For
Councillor Alexander Bridgen	For
Councillor David Everitt	For
Councillor Jim Hout	For
Councillor John Legrys	For
Councillor Michael Wyatt	For
Councillor Robert Ashman	For
Councillor Gill Hout	For
Carried	

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.31 pm