

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on THURSDAY, 1 September 2022

Present: Councillor R L Morris (Chairman)

Councillors J Bridges, D Everitt, D Harrison, J Houtt, J Legrys, J G Simmons, M B Wyatt and J Geary (Substitute for Councillor D Bigby)

In Attendance: Councillors V Richichi and A C Saffell

Officers: Mr C Elston, Mr D Jones, Mrs C Hammond, Ms N Swan and Mr L Marshall

#### **15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bigby, R Boam and A Bridgen.

#### **16. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

#### **17. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2020

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by Councillor J Simmons and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **18. 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.

#### **19. A1 22/00546/OUT: ERECTION OF UP TO SEVEN DWELLINGS (OUTLINE- ACCESS AND LAYOUT ONLY)**

Land West Of Ashby Road, Packington Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 1TD

**Officer's Recommendation: Permit**

The Senior Planning Officer presented the report to members.

Mr Wildgoose, objector, addressed the committee highlighting that originally the land had been sold with permission for one single storey dwelling and anything that was to be built should remain single storey to prevent overlooking and would be in keeping with existing dwellings. He raised concerns over highway safety and the additional congestion that would be added to the road from the development. He felt that the access to the site should have been in the other direction.

Mr Large, agent, addressed the committee, highlighting that the site was within the Limits to Development, that there were no objections from statutory consultees, and it would be located in a sustainable village. Following a community engagement event, the application had been amended to include increased screening and an indicative scheme for single height dwellings. He also noted that following concerns raised by residents over past

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flooding issues, a comprehensive drainage design was included, along with high level screening and planting schemes.

In determining the application concerns were raised by some members over the removal of mature trees and hedgerows on the site and, what could be done to protect them. It was noted that it was hoped that no trees or hedgerows would be removed until after the reserved matters application was submitted.

Members had regard to the condition in relation to the ecological mitigation plan, which requires a scheme of works to be submitted and agreed, in line with the Section 106 agreement, that there were no statutory objections to the application, it was within the Limits to Development and that the reserved matters application would only come back to committee should it be called in, with merit by the Ward Member. It was also noted that the site abutted the conservation area but did not fall within the area and there were not Tree Preservation Orders on the site.

A motion to permit the application, but to not permit any removal of any mature trees until the reserved matters stage was moved and seconded, but following advice from the Legal Adviser, that it would not be lawful, the motion was removed from the table.

The recommendation to permit the application in accordance with the officer's recommendation was moved by Councillor D Harrison and seconded by Councillor J Hout.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The application be permitted in accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure.

| <b>Motion to permit the application in accordance with the recommendations of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure (Motion)</b> |         |
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| Councillor Ray Morris  | For     |
| Councillor John Bridges  | For     |
| Councillor David Everitt   | Against |
| Councillor Dan Harrison  | For     |
| Councillor Jim Hout  | For     |
| Councillor John Legrys   | Against |
| Councillor Jenny Simmons   | For     |
| Councillor Michael Wyatt   | Against |
| Councillor John Geary  | For     |
| <b>Carried</b>   |         |

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.50 pm

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