

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

15 April 2013

Present: Councillor Sweet in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Butcher, L Dirveiks, Humphreys, Lea, May, B Moss, Phillips, Sherratt, Simpson, A Stanley, Turley, Watkins and Winter

Councillors Fox and Payne were also in attendance and with the consent of the Chairman Councillor Payne spoke on Minute No 75 Planning Applications (Application No 2012/0614 - 4 Station Buildings, Birmingham Road, Water Orton).

74 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Watkins declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No 75 Planning Applications (Application No 2012/0610 -The Coleshill School, Coventry Road, Coleshill, Warwickshire) left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

75 Planning Applications

The Head of Development Control submitted a report for the consideration of the Board. Details of correspondence received since the publication of the agenda is attached as a schedule to these minutes.

Resolved:

- a That in respect of Application No 2012/0546 (Marston Farm Hotel, Dog Lane, Bodymoor Heath, Warwickshire) the Council is minded to support this development proposal and as a consequence, it is referred to the Secretary of State under paragraph 9 of the 2009 Consultation Direction with a recommendation that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control;**

[Prior to the consideration of Application No 2012/0598 (Land at Lister Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire), Councillor Simpson reported that the Minority Report signed by Councillors Barber, Lea, Sherratt, Wykes, Simpson, Humphreys and Johnston under Standing Order No 30(1)(b) and received following the meeting of the Board held on 11 March 2013 had been withdrawn.]

- b That Application No 2012/0598 (Land at Lister Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire) be approved subject to all of the conditions as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Head**

of Development Control and subject to the plan numbers in condition 2 being substituted for the amended plans as illustrated in the report;

- c That Application No 2012/0610 (The Coleshill School, Coventry Road, Coleshill, Warwickshire) be approved subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Head of Development Control;
- d That Application No 2012/0614 (4 Station Buildings, Birmingham Road, Water Orton) be approved subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Head of Development Control; and
- e That consideration of Application No 2012/0624 (River Tame Flood Defence, Bodymoor Heath Lane, Middleton) be deferred.

76 **Scheme of Delegation**

The Head of Development Control reported on a review of the current Scheme of Delegation and Members were asked to consider what alterations might be required. Representations from a local resident were reported to the Board.

Resolved:

That the alterations to the Scheme of Delegation as set out in the report of the Head of Development Control be agreed subject to an additional amendment of 4.1f) to read as follows

“f) Any application that is submitted by or on behalf of any Member of the Council, a member of a Member’s family or a person with whom you have a close association, and any member of staff employed by the Council.”

77 **Neighbourhood Designation Area for Coleshill Neighbourhood**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the progress of the formal consultation on the Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan Designation area.

Resolved:

- a **That the responses to the proposed Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan Designation be noted; and**
- b **The Neighbourhood Designation Area for Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan be agreed and approved.**

78 **Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Offsetting Pilot Consultation**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy consultation prepared by officers from all local authorities in the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire area. Officers responded to a number of initial observations received from Councillor Simpson.

Resolved:

- a **That support is given to the Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Offsetting Pilot;**
- b **That the observations in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council are sent as a response to the consultation;**
- c **That the Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy will be part of the evidence base for the Local Plan for North Warwickshire;**
- d **That DEFRA be requested to await the outcome of the pilots before implementing a Biodiversity Offsetting approach;**
- e **That a presentation be made to Members on the Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Offsetting Pilot from the Principal Ecologist at the County Council;**
- f **That assurances be sought that the Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Offsetting system/approach will not reduce the ability or potential for Local Planning Authorities to refuse what they may consider inappropriate or unsustainable development;**
- g **That assurances be sought that the Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Offsetting system/approach will prioritise improvements and the use of compensation, for biodiversity impacts, within the local authorities' areas where the impact/damage has been caused/generated by the development; and**
- h **That assurances be sought that the Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy and Biodiversity Offsetting system/approach will secure the long term delivery of replacement ecosystems or environments in perpetuity.**

79 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Act.

80 **Re-Structure of the Service**

The Head of Development Control reported on a preferred option to deal with the vacancy arising from the departure of a member of staff to a neighbouring Authority and the Board was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

That the preferred option as outlined in the report of the Head of Development Control be agreed and that it be referred to the Special Sub-Group for final agreement.

R Sweet
Chairman

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Additional Background Papers**

Agenda Item	Application Number	Author	Nature	Date
4/23	2012/0598	Applicant	Plans	9/4/13
4/49	2012/0610	Warwickshire County Council Highways	Consultation	5/4/13
		Coleshill Civic Society	Representation	5/4/13
		Applicant	Plans	5/4/13
		Head of Development Control	Site Visit	6/4/13
		Applicant	E-mail	8/4/13
4/81	2012/0624	Warwickshire County Council Highways	Consultation	10/4/13
		Applicant	Plans	10/4/13