

Minutes of **Planning Committee**

Meeting date **Tuesday, 12 September 2023**

Committee Members present: Councillor June Molyneaux (Chair), Councillor Alex Hilton (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Sarah Ainsworth, Karen Derbyshire, Gordon France, Danny Gee, Samir Khan, Alistair Morwood, Chris Snow, Craige Southern and Neville Whitham

Officers: Adele Hayes (Head of Planning and Enforcement), Iain Crossland (Principal Planning Officer), Stefanie Malcolmson (Senior Solicitor) and Matthew Pawlyszyn (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Apologies: Councillor Alan Whittaker

A video recording of the public session of this meeting is available to view on [YouTube](#)

16 **Declarations of Any Interests**

No interests were declared.

17 **Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 15 August 2023 of Planning Committee**

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

18 **Planning applications to be determined**

The Head of Planning and Enforcement submitted three planning applications to be determined.

Plans considered were displayed at the meeting and can be viewed on [our website](#)

19 **20/01378/FULMAJ - Formerly Mormon Church, Water Street, Chorley**

After careful consideration, it was proposed by the Chair, Councillor June Molyneaux, seconded by Vice Chair Councillor Alex Hilton, and **resolved unanimously that the application would be deferred to allow Members the opportunity to visit the site.**

20 23/00616/PIP - Whitegates, 75 Gorsey Lane, Mawdesley

Public Speakers: Councillor Alan Platt (Ward Councillor), and Martin Boardman (Agent)

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Craige Southern, seconded by Councillor Gordon France to defer the application to allow Members to visit the site, this amendment was lost (2 for, 9 against).

It was then proposed by Councillor Alex Hilton, seconded by Councillor Sarah Ainsworth and was **resolved unanimously that permission in principle be refused for the following reason:**

The proposed development would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and, therefore, harmful by definition. There would also be other harm as a result of sprawl and encroachment. It is not considered that there are very special circumstances to overcome the definitional harm to the Green Belt and additional harm caused through sprawl and encroachment. The proposal is, therefore, contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework.

21 23/00445/FUL - Land 150M West Of Oakfields and 197 Runshaw Lane, Euxton

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Danny Gee, seconded by Councillor Alistair Morwood and **resolved unanimously that planning permission be refused for the following reason:**

The proposed development would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and, therefore, harmful by definition. There would also be other harm to the Green Belt through encroachment into the countryside. It is not considered that there are very special circumstances to overcome the definitional harm to the Green Belt and additional harm from encroachment of the countryside. The proposal is, therefore, contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Chair

Date