

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE Tuesday, 11 August 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor June Molyneaux (Chair) and Councillors Aaron Beaver, Martin Boardman, Gordon France, Danny Gee, Tom Gray, Yvonne Hargreaves, Alex Hilton, Alistair Morwood, Neville Whitham and Alan Whittaker

RESERVES: Councillors Julia Berry and Val Counce

OFFICERS: Adele Hayes (Service Lead - Planning), Iain Crossland (Principal Planning Officer), Alex Jackson (Legal Services Team Leader) and Nina Neisser (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Christopher France and John Dalton

OTHER MEMBERS: Councillors Adrian Lowe

20.P.54 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 14 July 2020 of Planning Committee

Decision – That the minutes of the hybrid Planning Committee meeting held on 14 July 2020 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

20.P.55 Declarations of Any Interests

Councillors Val Counce and Martin Boardman declared an interest in item 3) e.

20.P.56 Planning applications to be determined

The Director of Customer and Digital submitted five items for consideration. In considering the applications, Members of the Planning Committee took into account the agenda reports, the addendum and the verbal representations and submissions provided by officers and individuals.

a 19/01113/OUTMAJ - Land to the West Side of Blackburn Road

Registered speakers: Councillor Adrian Lowe (Ward Councillor) and Fran Lennon (Agent).

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Gordon France that the decision be refused on the grounds that the proposed increase of 45 dwellings would result in a severe residual cumulative highways impact such that it would prejudice highway safety and the free flow of traffic contrary to Policy BNE1 of the Chorley

Local Plan 2012 – 2026. The motion was seconded by Councillor Danny Gee. A vote was taken, and the motion was lost (5:8:0)

It was proposed by Councillor Alex Hilton, seconded by Councillor Martin Boardman, and a decision was subsequently taken (7:5:1) that the application be approved subject to conditions set out in the report and a Section 106 agreement requiring an education contribution of £846,480.60.

b **20/00282/FULMAJ - International Fire Training Centre, Washington Hall, West Way, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6HJ**

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Danny Gee, seconded by Councillor Alex Hilton and a decision was subsequently taken (unanimously) that the application be approved, subject to conditions outlined in the report and a Section 106 agreement requiring that previously unimplemented elements of extant planning permissions at the site are not built in combination with this scheme and to secure a £12,000 contribution be paid to Lancashire County Council for monitoring the Travel Plan for the site.

c **20/00116/FUL - Land Between 386 and 392 Blackburn Road, Higher Wheelton**

Registered speaker: Daniel Gilbert (speaking on behalf of the applicant).

Councillor Neville Whitham dropped out of the call due to a technical issue and did not vote on this item.

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alistair Morwood, seconded by Councillor Martin Boardman and a decision was subsequently taken (11:1:0) that the application be approved subject to conditions set out in the addendum.

Councillor Neville Whitham returned to the call.

d **20/00449/FULMAJ - Golden Acres Ltd, Plocks Farm, Liverpool Road, Bretherton**

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Danny Gee, seconded by Councillor Alistair Morwood and a decision was subsequently taken (unanimously) that the application be approved subject to conditions set out in the report as amended in the addendum.

e **20/00601/FULHH - Roselands, Tincklers Lane, Eccleston, Chorley, PR7 5QX**

Councillors Val Counce and Martin Boardman left the for this item and did not partake in the vote.

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alex Hilton, seconded by Councillor Alistair Morwood and a decision was subsequently taken (unanimously) that the application be approved subject to conditions outlined in the report.

Councillors Val Counce and Martin Boardman returned to the call.

20.P.57 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair

Members and officers discussed the recent government announcement on the 'Planning for the Future' White Paper which would introduce changes to planning policy. There was a public consultation open for 12 weeks running until 29 October 2020.

It was agreed (unanimously) that a technical briefing take place for Members on the specifics of the White Paper before the Planning Committee formulate a response. It was agreed that it was the wish of Planning Committee to have some input into the Council's response in addition to any contribution from the rest of the Council.

Chair

Date