

Development Control Committee

Thursday, 15 September 2011

Present: Councillor Harold Heaton (Chair), Councillor Geoffrey Russell (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Henry Caunce, Matthew Crow, David Dickinson, Christopher France, Marie Gray, Alison Hansford, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Roy Lees, June Molyneaux and Mick Muncaster

Substitutes: Councillor Alistair Bradley (substitute for Councillor Dennis Edgerley)

Officers in attendance: Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy), Paul Whittingham (Development Control Team Leader), Nicola Hopkins (Principal Planning Officer (Major Projects)), Alex Jackson (Senior Lawyer) and Cathryn Filbin (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Also in attendance: Councillor Keith Iddon and Councillor Kevin Joyce

11.DC.92 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dennis Edgerley.

11.DC.93 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

11.DC.94 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED

The Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy submitted a report on one application for planning permission to be determined.

In considering the applications, the Committee took into account the agenda reports, the addendum, and verbal representations or submissions provided by officers and individuals.

- a) **Application:** 11/00366/OUTMAJ - Carrington Centre Ecclestone (report and plans are enclosed) - **Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of a replacement local centre parade, supermarket and up to 40 residential dwellings with associated areas of parking and servicing (all matter reserved apart from access). Full application for the relocation of existing pond to provide enhanced new pond.

The officer recommendation on the report for the above application was for approval. Following debate, a proposal to refuse the application was moved, followed by a further motion to defer the application and then a third proposal to approve the application. The motions were put to the vote and recorded in the following order.

The proposal to approve the above planning permission was proposed by Councillor Michael Muncaster, and seconded by Councillor Marie Gray and the vote was recorded as follows:

FOR: Councillors Marie Gray, Harold Heaton, Paul Leadbetter, Michael Muncaster and Geoffrey Russell.

AGAINST: Councillors Henry Counce, Matthew Crow, David Dickinson, Christopher France, Alison Hansford and Roy Lees.

ABSTAINED: Councillors Alistair Bradley, Hasina Khan and June Molyneaux

The Legal Officer declared that the motion to approve the application was lost.

A motion to defer the decision for more consultation and for Members to have sight of Liberata's financial viability assessment was proposed by Councillor Roy Lees, and seconded by Councillor June Molyneaux and the vote was recorded as follows:

FOR: Councillors Alistair Bradley, Matthew Crow, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, and June Molyneaux

AGAINST: Councillors Henry Counce, David Dickinson, Marie Gray, Alison Hansford, Harold Heaton, Paul Leadbetter, Michael Muncaster and Geoffrey Russell

ABSTAINED: Councillor Christopher France

The Legal Officer declared that the motion to defer the application was lost.

There was a further motion to refuse planning permission proposed by Councillor Alison Hansford, seconded by Councillor David Dickinson and the vote was recorded as follows:

FOR: Councillors Alistair Bradley, Henry Counce, Matthew Crow, David Dickinson, Christopher France, Alison Hansford, Hasina Khan, June Molyneaux

AGAINST: Councillor Marie Gray, Harold Heaton, Paul Leadbetter, Michael Muncaster and Geoffrey Russell

ABSTAINED: Councillor Roy Lees

The Legal Officer declared that the motion to refuse planning permission was carried and it was **RESOLVED – To refuse the outline planning permission for the following reason:**

- 1. The development, redevelops and expands the Carrington Centre retail provision and provides housing development that was required in order to subsidise the redevelopment of the commercial element. The scale of the overall development would change the character and community of Ecclestone from a 'village' character with smaller (including size) groups of shops and services and employment to that of a 'town' with very much centralised and larger shopping & services resulting in the feel of a much larger centre.**

2. **The benefits of the development in maintaining and expanding the retail and service provision and in providing employment did not outweighed by the harm caused by the change in character of Eccleston Village associated with the scale of the overall development including the scale of the supermarket element.**

11.DC.95 ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES IS/ARE URGENT

The Chair advised Committee Members of the date for the site visit for an application which will be determined at the Development Control Committee on 4 October 2011.

Chair

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