

# HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

16 JANUARY 2024 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MJ Crooks - Chair  
Cllr RG Allen, Cllr MC Bools (for Cllr J Moore), Cllr CW Boothby, Cllr SL Bray,  
Cllr MA Cook, Cllr DS Cope, Cllr REH Flemming, Cllr C Gibbens, Cllr CE Green,  
Cllr E Hollick, Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr LJ Mullaney, Cllr H Smith, Cllr BE Sutton (for  
Cllr CM Allen), Cllr R Webber-Jones (for Cllr BR Walker) and Cllr A Weightman

Also in attendance: Councillor WJ Crooks

Officers in attendance: Emma Baumber, Chris Brown, Rebecca Owen and  
Michael Rice

### 228. **Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, Moore  
and Walker, with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with council  
procedure rule 10:

Councillor Bools for Councillor Moore  
Councillor Sutton for Councillor Allen  
Councillor Webber-Jones for Councillor Walker.

### 229. **Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Flemming and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December be  
confirmed as a correct record.

### 230. **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Bools stated that he had attended the parish council meeting where  
application 23/01047/FUL was discussed but came to this meeting with an open  
mind.

### 231. **Decisions delegated at previous meeting**

It was reported that all decisions had been issued with the exception of the  
decision on application 22/01190/OUT which was subject to a S106 agreement.

### 232. **23/01119/DOV - Land off Beech Drive, Thornton**

Application for deed of variation to remove clause 3 of original deed and replace  
with alternative provision.

The applicant, a representative of the parish council and the county councillor spoke on this application. A statement was read out on behalf of one of the ward councillors.

Notwithstanding the officer's recommendation that the deed of variation be approved, members highlighted that the original application had been allowed at appeal and the proposed provision of affordable housing had been given significant weight by the inspector. Members felt that the proposed reduction in the number of affordable properties was unacceptable. It was moved by Councillor Bray and seconded by Councillor Lynch that permission be refused for these reasons. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – the application be refused.

**233. 23/01047/FUL - 5a Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon**

Application for change of use from residential dwelling (C3) to a 10-bedroom HMO (sui-generis).

An objector and the applicant spoke on this application.

Notwithstanding the officer's recommendation that permission be granted, members felt that the change of use would be detrimental to neighbouring amenity by way of noise and the risk of antisocial behaviour and that the provision of four parking spaces was inadequate, particularly given that there was no on-street parking due to parking restrictions along Dragon Lane and a lack of on-street parking in the vicinity. It was moved by Councillor Bools and seconded by Councillor Webber-Jones that permission be refused for these reasons due to being contrary to policies DM10 and DM18 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – permission be refused due to being contrary to policies DM10 and DM18 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD.

**234. Appeals progress**

Members received an update on appeals. The report was noted and officers were thanked for their hard work on recent appeals.

(The Meeting closed at 7.30 pm)

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CHAIR