

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

3 APRIL 2007 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR R J FURNISS - CHAIRMAN
MR D E HINTON - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs M Aldridge, Mr D C Bill, Mr C W Boothby, Mr D R Bown,
Mrs R Camamile, Mr J F Collins, Mrs M A Cook, Mr W J Crooks,
Mr R D Ellis, Mrs D Finney, Mr C G Joyce and Mrs E A Spencer.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Mr P R Batty, Mrs C M Claridge and Mrs R W Wright also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Ms K Barlow, Mr P F Cash, Mrs T Darke, Miss T Miller, Miss R Owen and Mr S Payne.

600 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr B H Edwards, Mr M A Hall, Ms J E Price and Mr K Vessey and the substitution of Mr Collins for Ms Price was authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

601 MINUTES (P77)

On the motion of Mr Bown, seconded by Mr Ellis it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2007 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

602 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Aldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in applications 07/00087/FUL and 07/00182/FUL.

Mr Batty explained that although he was not a member of the Planning Committee, he felt he should declare that he would speak in objection to application 06/01322/FUL.

603 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (P78)

The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications, together with a list of late items, and the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development.

It was moved by Mr Ellis and seconded by Mr Crooks that the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development contained in the schedule submitted be approved.

- (a) 06/01385/FUL – Sunnydene Works, Woodland Avenue, Burbage – Morris Homes East Midlands Ltd

Members supported the officer's recommendation but it was requested that a note to applicant be added reiterating that maintenance of the hedge was a matter for the Parish Council and the Developer to agree separately.

RESOLVED – the application be approved subject to the execution of an Agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 and an additional note to applicant with regard to maintenance of hedges.

- (b) 07/00044/FUL – Land Rear of 197 – 211 Sketchley Road, Burbage – Matthew Homes

Although in support of the officer's recommendation, Members requested that a further condition be added with regard to boundary treatment to protect no. 201 Sketchley Road.

RESOLVED – the application be approved subject to the conditions contained within the report, and the following additional condition:

Condition

No development shall take place until full details of both hard and soft landscape works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and these works shall be carried out as approved. These details shall include:

- (i) proposed finished levels or contours;
- (ii) details of all boundary treatment to the site including technical specifications of acoustic walls and/or fencing to mitigate noise impact on 201 Sketchley Road;
- (iii) hard surfacing materials.

Having declared an interest in applications 07/0087/FUL and 07/00182/FUL, Mrs Aldridge left the room at 7.12pm and returned at 7.29pm.

Mrs Claridge left the meeting at 7.29pm. Mr Ellis left the meeting at 7.52pm and returned at 7.55pm.

- (c) 07/00231/OUT – Jarvis Porter, Coventry Road, Hinckley – Invista Foundation Property Ltd.

Officers reported that this application would be referred to the Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM) before a decision being issued by this Authority.

RESOLVED – the application be approved subject to referral to GOEM.

Mr Boothby left the meeting at 8.00pm.

604 SAVED LOCAL PLAN POLICIES UPDATE (P79)

Members received a report which advised them of the need to save the Local Plan policies beyond September 2007 and for the period of the Local Development Scheme. It was moved by Mrs Aldridge, seconded by Mrs Camamile and

RESOLVED – approval be given to:

- (i) the table of Local Plan policies to be saved beyond the three year period in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (in appendix 1 to the report);
- (ii) the table of Local Plan policies to be deleted from September 2007 (as detailed in appendix 2 to the report).

Mrs Cook and Mr Davis left the meeting at 8.05pm.

605 BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE ON LISTED BUILDING PROSECUTIONS (P80)

Members received a report which informed them of the best practice guidance on listed building prosecutions issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government. In response to a Member's query, it was explained that buildings were often listed due to age, but could also be listed due to importance, which meant that even modern buildings could be listed if considered to be of local or national importance.

Mrs Cook and Mr Davis returned to the meeting at 8.09pm.

On the motion of Mr Ellis, seconded by Mr Furniss, it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

606 APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P81)

A summary was submitted of appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting. On the motion of Mr Ellis, seconded by Mr Furniss, it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

607 APPEALS – PROGRESS (P82)

A schedule was submitted indicating the stages that various appeals against planning decisions had reached. On the motion of Mr Ellis, seconded by Mr Hinton, it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

608 SHOPPING AND SHOP FRONTS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (CONSULTATION DRAFT) (P85)

The Planning Committee received a report which sought approval to undertake public consultation on the draft Shopping and Shop Fronts Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Sustainability Appraisal. It was moved by Mr Ellis, seconded by Mrs Camamile and

RESOLVED – approval be given to:

- (i) a six-week period of public consultation on the draft Shopping and Shop Fronts Supplementary Planning Document;
- (ii) the Sustainability Appraisal.

609 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Mr Collins, seconded by Mr Crooks, it was

RESOLVED - in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the undermentioned items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 2 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

610 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION (P83)

Members were provided with a periodic report on planning enforcement actions taken. On the motion of Mr Ellis, seconded by Mrs Camamile, it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

611 ENFORCEMENT REPORT – IVY HOUSE FARM (P84)

The Planning Committee received a report with regard to the current enforcement situation relating to the site at Ivy House Farm. Officers explained that paragraphs 3.15 to 3.20 of the report corrected an error in a previous report in line with advice as agreed with the Local Government Ombudsman. On the motion of Mr Furniss, seconded by Mr Bown it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted and the amended strategy for implementation from April 2007 be approved.

(The meeting closed at 8.25pm.)