

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

19 JULY 2011 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR DM GOULD - CHAIRMAN
MR R MAYNE - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr R Allen, Mr JG Bannister, Mr PR Batty, Mr DC Bill, Mr CW Boothby, Mr WJ Crooks, Mrs A Hall, Mr J Moore, Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols, Mr BE Sutton, Miss DM Taylor, Mr R Ward and Ms BM Witherford.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr MS Hulbert and Mrs H Smith were also in attendance.

Officers in attendance: Mr A Bottomley, Ms T Miller, Miss R Owen, Mrs E Page and Mr S Wood.

64 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mrs T Chastney with the substitution of Mr Morrell authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.1.

65 MINUTES (P13)

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Bannister wished it to be recorded that his wife was a member of Barwell Parish Council, which had objected to application 11/00377/FUL.

67 DECISIONS DELEGATED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

The Head of Planning reported on the following decision which had been delegated at the previous meeting:

11/00290/FUL – it was reported that the decision had been issued on 6 July.

68 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (P14)

The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications, together with a list of late items, and the recommendations of the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction).

- (a) 11/00368/FUL – Erection of 84 dwellings incorporating access, public open space, balancing pond, pumping station and associated earthworks, landscaping, car parking and other ancillary works, Land adjacent to Greyhound Stadium, Nutts Lane, Hinckley – Taylor Wimpey UK Limited

It was reported that this application had been deferred to the next meeting.

- (b) 11/00377/FUL – Travellers Site for two pitches and the erection of a toilet / laundry room, Land adj Hissar House Farm, Leicester Road, Hinckley – Mr C Price

The Head of Planning verbally reported the views of David Tredinnick MP, which had not been included in the late items.

Notwithstanding the officer's recommendation that the application be permitted, Members expressed concern regarding loss of the green wedge, adverse effect on the countryside, development in the open countryside, distance from the settlement boundary and conflict with other policies. Mr Bannister, seconded by Mr Nichols, proposed that the application be refused as it was contrary to policies RES13, NE3, NE5, RES5 and policies 6 & 18 of the core strategy.

The Head of Planning requested that voting on this motion be recorded. The vote was taken as follows:

Mr Allen, Mr Bannister, Mr Batty, Mr Bill, Mr Boothby, Mr Crooks, Mr Gould, Mrs Hall, Mr Mayne, Mr Moore, Mr Morrell, Mr Nichols, Mr O'Shea, Mr Sutton, Miss Taylor, Mr Ward and Ms Witherford voted FOR the motion (17).

There were no votes against the motion and no abstentions.

The MOTION was therefore declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – the application be refused for the following reasons:

In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, the identified need of the proposed end users of the site is not considered to override the need to retain the functional requirements and visual appearance of the Green Wedge. Therefore the proposal represents an unwarranted and unacceptable intrusion of development in the Green Wedge and countryside and is

contrary to policies NE5 and RES5 of the adopted Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan and Policy 6 and Policy 18 of the adopted Core Strategy.

Mr Hulbert and Mrs Smith left the meeting at 7.11pm.

- (c) 11/00329/FUL – Erection of two wind turbines including associated transformer and control compounds and formation of associated infrastructure, Park House Farm, Leicester Lane, Desford – Mr P Hilyer

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

RESOLVED – the application be permitted subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report and late items.

- (d) 11/00389/CLU – Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of the Fishing Lodge as a dwelling, The Fishing Lodge, Wallace Drive, Groby – Mr & Mrs S Ansar

RESOLVED – the application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use be refused.

- (e) 11/00410/FUL – Retention of Static Caravan for agricultural purposes, Brascote Fields Farm, Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon – Mr Jonathan Sanders

RESOLVED – the application be refused for the reasons stated in the officer's report.

- (f) 11/00334/EXT – Extension of time for extant planning permission 08/00102/FUL for demolition of existing retail premises and bungalow and erection of 10 dwellings, The Bungalow, 47 Hinckley Road, Burbage – Mr G Pearson

RESOLVED – subject to a Unilateral Undertaking under S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to provide the financial contributions towards the provision and maintenance of play and open space, the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) be granted delegated powers to grant planning permission subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report. Failure to complete the said agreement by 28 July 2011 might result in the application being refused.

- (g) 11/00423/FUL – Erection of mobile classroom, St Martins Catholic School, Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding – Governors of St Martins High School

RESOLVED – the application be permitted subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report and late items.

- (h) 11/00216/LBC – Alterations to listed building, Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley – Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

RESOLVED – powers be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) to refer the application to the Secretary of State following the expiry of the consultation period on 21 July 2011 and resolution of matters that may arise, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

- (i) 11/00499/C – Re-use of derelict brownfield land for the purpose of windrow composting inside a building (county matter), Land South of Lindley Wood, Fenn Lanes, Fenny Drayton – Mr Zeeshan Aslam

On the motion of Mr Ward, seconded by Mr O’Shea, it was

RESOLVED – Leicestershire County Council be advised that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has the following comments to make:

“It is considered that this revised submission does not address the previous objections raised and therefore the Borough Council objects to the application. Furthermore the proposed development at the nearby MIRA site should be fully considered in the assessment of this application”.

69 APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P15)

A summary was submitted of appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting. It was moved by Mr Nichols, seconded by Mr Crooks and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

70 APPEALS – PROGRESS (P16)

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

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The meeting closed at 8.01pm)