

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MJ Crooks - Chairman
Cllr E Hollick – Vice-Chairman
Cllr SL Bray, Cllr DS Cope, Cllr WJ Crooks, Cllr REH Flemming, Cllr A Furlong,
Cllr SM Gibbens, Cllr L Hodgkins, Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr LJ Mullaney,
Cllr RB Roberts, Cllr H Smith and Cllr BR Walker

Also in attendance: Councillor DC Bill MBE, Councillor K Morrell and Councillor R Webber-Jones

Officers in attendance: Chris Brown, Julie Kenny, Michael Rice and Rebecca Valentine-Wilkinson

172. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Boothby, Claire Allen and Richard Allen.

173. Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Bray seconded by Councillor W Crooks and

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

174. Declarations of interest

Councillor Furlong declared he had received representation as ward councillor for Markfield, Stanton and Fieldhead with regards to planning application 22/00835/HOU. He declared he came to the meeting with an open mind.

175. Decisions delegated at previous meeting

It was reported that all decisions delegated at the previous meeting had been issued with the exception of one application which was 21/01514/FUL – Land at rear of 7 Hunt Lane, Witherley as the Planning Manager was still in discussions with the agent for this item.

176. 22/00835/HOU - 14 The Hawthorns, Markfield

Application for first floor and single storey side, front and rear extensions and other alterations.

Two objectors and the agent spoke on this item.

Members expressed concern about the additional ground floor space being used as floor space for more vehicles. Councillor Furlong, seconded by Councillor Bray

proposed that the application be rejected as this application was little changed from the previous application in terms of overbearing impact and that the proposed additional garage would impact on the street scene, contrary to Policy DM10 and Policy M10 of the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

It was moved by Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Hodgkins and

RESOLVED –

- (i) Permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the officers report;
- (ii) The Planning Manager be granted powers to determine the final detail of planning conditions.

177. 22/00689/FUL - Hall Farm, 10 The Green, Orton on the Hill

Application for proposed extension and alteration of Hall farm house along with conversion of four outbuildings to form dwelling houses with associated works.

Two objectors, a representative of the parish council and a ward councillor spoke on this application.

Notwithstanding the officer recommendation that permission be granted, some members felt that the proposed development constituted an impact to the character and appearance of the area and impacted on the setting of the Orton on the Hill Conservation Area, and was therefore contrary to policies DM10, DM11 and DM12.

Councillor Bray seconded by Councillor Furlong proposed to refuse this application as it contravened policies DM10, DM11 and DM12 through being harmful to the character and appearance of the area and did not enhance the conservation area. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was LOST.

It was subsequently moved by Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Flemming and

RESOLVED –

- (i) Permission be granted subject to the conditions outlined in the officer's report.

178. 21/01331/FUL - Kirby Grant Residential Home, Spinney Drive, Botcheston

Application for refurbishment and extension of the existing Polebrook House including demolitions, two storey extensions and landscaping works to extend the residential care home (C2) by 51 bedrooms.

An objector, the applicant and a ward councillor spoke on this application.

Notwithstanding the officer recommendation that permission be granted, some members expressed concern about the:

- Impact on residential amenity
- Loss of trees and hedgerow
- Impact on parking
- Impact on the access road by construction vehicles

Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor W Crooks proposed that this application be deferred to ask officers to look again at this to take into account the impact on residential amenity, loss of trees, hedgerow and the parking issues.

Councillor Furlong, seconded by Councillor Roberts proposed that the application be approved. After further discussion this motion was withdrawn.

The motion proposed by Councillor Bray and seconded by Councillor W Crooks that the application be deferred was put to the vote, and CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED - the application be deferred for the following reasons

- (i) Impact on residential amenity;
- (ii) Loss of trees and hedgerow;
- (iii) Impact on parking and impact on the access road through construction.

179. **Appeals progress**

Members were provided with an update on appeals.

(The Meeting closed at 8.23 pm)

CHAIRMAN