

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

15 JULY 2025 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MJ Crooks - Chair
Cllr J Moore – Vice-Chair
Cllr CM Allen, Cllr RG Allen, Cllr SL Bray, Cllr MA Cook, Cllr REH Flemming,
Cllr C Gibbens, Cllr SM Gibbens, Cllr DT Glenville (for Cllr DS Cope),
Cllr CE Green, Cllr L Hodgkins (for Cllr R Webber-Jones), Cllr KWP Lynch,
Cllr LJ Mullaney, Cllr H Smith and Cllr BR Walker

Also in attendance: Councillor CW Boothby, Councillor WJ Crooks and Councillor BE Sutton

Officers in attendance: Emma Baumber, Chris Brown, Rebecca Owen and Edward Stacey

106. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cope and Webber-Jones, with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10:

Councillor Glenville for Councillor Cope
Councillor Hodgkins for Councillor Webber-Jones.

107. Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor S Gibbens and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June be confirmed as a correct record.

108. Declarations of interest

Councillor Cook declared a registrable interest in application 22/00882/OUT as the works would affect her due to her address.

With reference to application 22/00882/OUT, Councillor C Gibbens stated she was a contractor for Natural England and DEFRA, however her role was not related to planning or the site in question, therefore she had no disclosable interest.

109. Decisions delegated at previous meeting

The Head of Planning updated members on decisions delegated at the previous meeting.

110. **25/00461/FUL - Hinckley and District General Hospital, Mount Road, Hinckley**

Application for demolition of former cottage hospital and development of new day case surgery building with associated landscaping and parking.

In presenting the report, the case officer reported that a request had been submitted to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport by a member of the public to review their decision not to list the hospital building, and that should permission be granted for the planning application, the decision would not be issued until the outcome of the review was known. Officers also committed to urging the government department to expedite the review. It was noted that, should the building be listed, the application would need to be brought back to the Planning Committee.

Two representatives of the applicant spoke on the application.

Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Lynch, proposed that:

- “(i) Permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the officer’s report and late items, with authority delegated to the Head of Planning to determine the final detail of the conditions;
- (ii) A note to applicant be added to urge them to continue throughout the construction of the new day case unit to look for ways to work with local heritage groups and others to seek to preserve as many heritage features as possible;
- (iii) Disappointment be expressed that the Secretary of State had not responded to the Leader of the Council’s letter urging the government to look at providing the new day case facilities whilst simultaneously protecting the locally recognised heritage asset;
- (iv) The scaremongering by the Member of Parliament for Hinckley & Bosworth, who sought to distort the position taken by those who have tried constructively to deliver the new facilities whilst seeking a better building design, be condemned;
- (v) The NHS be urged to continue to seek ways to further improve the overall health provision locally. Local people have previously been promised a walk-in / minor injuries unit and we urge the NHS to bring forward these plans.”

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) Permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the officer’s report and late items, with authority delegated to

the Head of Planning to determine the final detail of the conditions;

- (ii) A note to applicant be added to urge them to continue throughout the construction of the new day case unit to look for ways to work with local heritage groups and others to seek to preserve as many heritage features as possible;
- (iii) Disappointment be expressed that the Secretary of State had not responded to the Leader of the Council's letter urging the government to look at providing the new day case facilities whilst simultaneously protecting the locally recognised heritage asset;
- (iv) The scaremongering by the Member of Parliament for Hinckley & Bosworth, who sought to distort the position taken by those who have tried constructively to deliver the new facilities whilst seeking a better building design, be condemned;
- (v) The NHS be urged to continue to seek ways to further improve the overall health provision locally, including bringing forward plans for a walk-in / minor injuries unit.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Councillor Cook left the meeting at 7.10pm.

111. 22/00882/OUT - land adjacent to MIRA Technology Park, Caldecote

Outline application (all matters reserved) for extension of MIRA Technology Park to comprise employment use (class B2), associated office and service uses (class E g), storage (class B8), new spine road, car parking, landscaping and enabling works (cross boundary application with North Warwickshire Borough Council).

The ward councillor spoke on this application.

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor R Allen and unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) Permission be granted subject to
 - a. The conditions outlined in the officer's report;
 - b. A S106 agreement to secure off site highways improvements including bus service improvements and with regards to employment and skills training.
- (ii) The Head of Planning be granted delegated authority to determine the final detail of the planning conditions.

112. **Appeals progress**

Members were updated on progress in relation to appeals. The report was noted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.25 pm)

CHAIR