Planning Services Committee – 25 November 2004

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Services Committee** held on **25 November 2004** when there were present:-

Cllr A J Humphries (Chairman)
Cllr K H Hudson (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr R A Oatham Cllr R A Amner Cllr C I Black Cllr J M Pullen Cllr P A Capon Cllr P R Robinson Cllr Mrs T J Capon Cllr P K Savill Cllr T G Cutmore Cllr C G Seagers Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn Cllr S P Smith Cllr D G Stansby Cllr K J Gordon Cllr Mrs S A Harper Cllr Mrs M A Starke Cllr C A Hungate Cllr M G B Starke Cllr Mrs L Hungate Cllr J Thomass Cllr C J Lumlev Cllr Mrs M S Vince Cllr J R F Mason Cllr Mrs M J Webster Cllr D Merrick Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins Cllr G A Mockford

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs R Brown, Mrs L A Butcher, R G S Choppen, T E Goodwin, J E Grey, T Livings, Mrs J R Lumley, P F A Webster and Mrs C A Weston.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Head of Planning Services
A Bugeja - Head of Legal Services
J Whitlock - Planning Manager
D Board - Senior Planner

A Law - Solicitor

S Worthington - Committee Administrator

REPRESENTING HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr R E Vingoe

At the commencement of the meeting Cllr C I Black, on behalf of the Council, paid personal tribute to the late Ian Edwards, former Director of Development.

496 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

497 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M G B Starke declared a personal interest in item D1 of the Schedule by virtue of being a member of the London Southend Airport Consultative Committee.

Cllrs K H Hudson and D G Stansby each declared a personal interest in item D1 of the Schedule by virtue of being substitute Members of the London Southend Airport Consultative Committee.

Cllr K J Gordon declared a prejudicial interest in item 2 of the Schedule by virtue of being well acquainted with the applicant and with some of the objectors and left the Chamber during discussion of that item.

Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins declared a personal interest in item 3 of the Schedule by virtue of membership of Great Wakering Parish Council

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn declared a personal interest in item R5 of the Schedule by virtue of using the services of the applicant and by virtue of membership of Rochford Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs T J Capon declared a personal interest in item R5 of the Schedule by virtue of being Chairman of Stambridge Parish Council.

498 PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PLANT AND STRUCTURES FOR USE AS SLUDGE DE-WATERING FACILITY AT SOUTHEND WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS, STOCK ROAD, SOUTHEND ON SEA

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services regarding a consultation from Southend on Sea Borough Council for development within their administrative area. The report had significant environmental implications for Rochford District.

On a unanimous show of hands, it was:-

Resolved

That Southend on Sea Borough Council be advised that Rochford District Council strongly supports the proposal. (HPS)

499 SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS/ITEMS REFERRED FROM WEEKLY LIST

The Committee considered the Schedule of development applications and recommendations, together with application numbers 04/00826/FUL and 04/00305/FUL, which had been referred from the Weekly List.

Item D1 – 04/00639/REM – London Southend Airport Co Ltd, Southend Airport, Rochford

Proposal – Replacement air terminal with integrated rail station, visitor centre, access road and associated car parking. (Reserved matters following outline approval 97/00526/OUT)

(Note: Cllr R A Oatham declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a user of the flying club next to the application site.)

Resolved

That the application be approved, subject to Heads of Conditions set out in the Schedule and the amended Head of Condition 7 and Informatives set out in the Addendum to the Schedule and an extra Head of Condition requiring submission of details of the pedestrian link between the Railway Station and Air Terminal to ensure pedestrian access is convenient and has priority over vehicular movements. (HPS)

Item 2 - 04/00776/FUL - 1 Southend Road, Hockley

Proposal – Demolish existing dwelling and erect two storey block of 13 flats and associated parking with access off Hockley Rise.

Mindful of officers' recommendation for approval, Members considered nevertheless that the application should be refused on the grounds that the proposed application constituted an over-development of the site.

Resolved

That the application be refused for the following reason:-

The proposal, by virtue of the number of units and the impact in the street scene of the forward siting of the building in both street frontages on this prominent corner site, results in an over-development of the site at an unreasonably high density compared to the surrounding area. (HPS)

Item 3 – 04/00783/GD – Land at Landwick Gate Bridge Road, Foulness Island

Proposal – Circular 18/84 application to install a mobile building to be used for MOD as security screening personnel prior to their access to the site.

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Resolved

That the applicant be advised that Rochford District Council has no objections to the proposal, as recommended, but also subject to a Head of Condition ensuring appropriate mitigation should any protected species be present on the site. (HPS)

Item R4 – 04/00826/FUL – Sherbourne, Eastcheap, Rayleigh

Proposal - The Erection of a 9.0 metre (to head mount) wind turbine with 5.5 metre diameter blades for the conversion of domestic heating from gas to wind energy associated with the property known as Sherbourne.

Resolved

That the application be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule. (HPS)

Item R5 – 04/00305/FUL - Ernest Doe and Sons Ltd, Weir Pond Road, Rochford

Proposal – Install perforated (brown) external security shutters to showroom windows.

Members agreed to defer this item in order to facilitate further discussions with the applicants.

Resolved

That the application be deferred in order to allow further negotiations to take place with the applicants. (HPS)

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Chairman	
Date	