

Development Committee – 24 June 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on **24 June 2021** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs L Shaw
Vice-Chairman: Cllr S P Smith

Cllr Mrs L A Butcher
Cllr D S Efde
Cllr A H Eves
Cllr J L Lawmon
Cllr D Merrick

Cllr L J Newport
Cllr P J Shaw
Cllr C M Stanley
Cllr Mrs C A Weston
Cllr A L Williams

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Cllr Mrs E P Gadsdon - for Cllr I A Foster

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING

Cllrs I A Foster, J N Gooding, Mrs J R Gooding, Mrs C M Mason, J E Newport, Mrs C E Roe, M J Steptoe and S E Wootton.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M Hotten	- Assistant Director, Place & Environment
Y Dunn	- Planning Manager
K Rodgers	- Team Leader (Area South)
S Worthington	- Principal Democratic & Corporate Services Officer
K Ellis	- Senior Planner
C Irwin	- Solicitor
L Morris	- Democratic Services Officer

ALSO ATTENDING

J Dagg - Barrister

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

R Eburne
M Francois

98 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to including the following at the end of the first sentence of Minute 84:

‘and the agent and being Essex County Councillor for Rochford South.’

99 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs A H Eves and L J Newport each declared a non-pecuniary interest in item

6 of the agenda, 20/00363/OUT – Land East of Ashingdon Road and North of Rochford Garden Way, Rochford by virtue of being acquainted with the Rochford Supporters Group.

Cllrs D S Efde and J N Gooding each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of membership of Rochford Parish Council.

Cllr A L Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of chairmanship of Rochford Parish Council.

Cllrs Mrs L A Butcher and P J Shaw each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of being Ward Councillor for Hawkwell East.

Cllrs I A Foster, Mrs L Shaw and S E Wootton all declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of being Ward Councillor for Roche North & Rural.

Cllr M J Steptoe declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of being County Councillor for Rochford South.

Cllr Mrs C M Mason declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of her husband still being listed as a Director of Rochford Supporters Group and having received communications from both the Rochford Supporters Group and Bloor Homes and left the meeting during debate of that item.

Cllrs Mrs J R Gooding and Mrs C A Weston each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of being Ward Councillor for an adjacent Ward.

100 20/00363/OUT – LAND EAST OF ASHINGDON ROAD AND NORTH OF ROCHFORD GARDEN WAY, ROCHFORD

The Committee considered an outline application for the demolition of Nos. 148 and 150 Ashingdon Road, removal of highway tree and form access onto Ashingdon Road, form secondary access onto Percy Cottis Road to serve residential development of 662 dwellings and community building with associated infrastructure, details of Phase 1 of 223 dwellings to consider access, layout, appearance, scale and landscaping, details of Phases 2 and 3 to consider access and layout only.

Cllr S P Smith moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr D Merrick, that outline planning permission be approved, subject to the Heads of Terms of a S106 legal agreement and conditions.

Cllr D S Efde moved an amendment to the Motion, seconded by Cllr Mrs C A Weston, to include the provision of £50,000 for a pedestrian crossing on Brays Lane.

On a requisition pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 12.4, a recorded vote was taken on the Motion as follows:-

For (5) Cllrs D S Efde; J L Lawmon; D Merrick; S P Smith; A L Williams

Against (8) Cllrs Mrs L A Butcher; A H Eves; Mrs E P Gadsdon; L J Newport; Mrs L Shaw; P J Shaw; C M Stanley; Mrs C A Weston

The Motion was lost.

Cllr A H Eves moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr Mrs L Shaw, that the application be refused on the grounds that in the absence of a definition of severe, it was for the local planning authority to determine whether a severe impact would result and in this case, it was considered that the development would result in a severe impact on the local highway network.

On a requisition pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 12.4, a recorded vote was taken on the Motion as follows:-

For (8) Cllrs Mrs L A Butcher; A H Eves; Mrs E P Gadsdon; L J Newport; Mrs L Shaw; P J Shaw; C M Stanley; Mrs C A Weston

Against (4) Cllrs J L Lawmon; D Merrick; S P Smith; A L Williams

Abstain (1) Cllr D S Efde

Resolved

That the application be refused for the following reason:-

In the absence of a definition of severe, it was for the local planning authority to determine whether a severe impact would result and in this case it was considered that the development would result in a severe impact on the local highway network. (ADPE)

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

Date

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