Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Services Committee** held on **21 October 2004** when there were present:-

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from ClIrs C I Black, Mrs L A Butcher, R G S Choppen, T E Goodwin, T Livings, C J Lumley, Mrs J R Lumley, J R F Mason, P K Savill and Mrs C A Weston.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Head of Planning Services
A Bugeja - Head of Legal Services
J Whitlock - Planning Manager
L Palmer - Team Leader (South)
M Stranks - Team Leader (North)
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

REPRESENTING HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr R E Vingoe

447 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment on page 3:

The words "and foul water" to be inserted before "drainage" in the penultimate line of item 3.

448 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs M G B Starke and D G Stansby declared a personal interest in item 4 of the Schedule by virtue of being a Member of and substitute of, respectively, the London Southend Airport Consultative Committee.

Cllr Mrs M S Vince declared a personal interest in item 3 of the Schedule by virtue of living at the far end of Doggetts Close and being a Member of Rochford Parish Council.

Cllrs Mrs H L A Glynn and Mrs S A Harper each declared a personal interest in item 3 of the Schedule by virtue of membership of Rochford Parish Council.

449 BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ON LAND AT REAR OF 53 BRANKSOME AVENUE, HOCKLEY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services on a breach of planning control, namely the use of land for the parking of vehicles, trailers, etc and the laying of hardstanding on land at rear of 53 Branksome Avenue, Hockley.

Resolved

That the Head of Planning Services be authorised to take all necessary action to secure the remedying of the breach now reported. (HPS)

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

The Committee considered the Schedule of Development Applications and Recommendations.

Item 1 – 04/00597/OUT – 40 Spa Road, Hockley

Proposal – Demolish existing shop and redevelop site to provide 4 shops and 6 (1-bedroom) flats (design, siting and means of access to be considered as part of this application).

Mindful of officers' recommendation for approval, Members considered nevertheless that the application should be refused on the grounds that the proposal, by virtue of its scale, bulk and height would result in a loss of outlook and amenities to the occupiers of the neighbouring bungalows to the rear in Meadow Way, and the site layout does not allow sufficient space to accommodate parking and turning of vehicles.

Resolved

That the application be refused, for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal, by virtue of its scale, bulk and height would result in a loss of outlook and amenities to the occupiers of the neighbouring bungalows to the rear in Meadow Way.
- 2. The proposed layout does not include sufficient space for all vehicles using the parking spaces to turn on site so as to be able to enter and leave the site in forward gear. Given that the access to the site is within the town centre and immediately adjacent to the zebra crossing, any reversing movements across the pavement onto the highway would give rise to an unacceptable degree of hazard to pedestrians and road users. (HPS)

Item 2 – 04/00749/FUL – Land at Junction Spa Road/Station Approach, Hockley

Proposal – Construct 14 self contained flats (12 X 2-bed and 2 X 1-bed) with off street car parking for 14 vehicles and communal amenity.

Resolved

That the application be delegated to the Head of Planning Services to approve, subject to resolving the issues arising from the Highways Authority response and subject to a Legal Agreement, or appropriate mechanism, covering an educational contribution of £11696, and subject to the heads of conditions set out in the Schedule. (HPS)

Item 3 – 04/00732/FUL – Albert Jones Court, Doggetts Close, Rochford

Proposal – Demolition of existing building; erection of 16 dwellings (6 X 3-bed, 9 X 4-bed and 1 X 1-bed) self contained flats, 27 car parking spaces, all to be accessed off Stilwells.

Resolved

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

Item 4 – 04/00639/REM – London 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)

This item would be deferred until the next Committee meeting to allow time for further discussions with the applicant.

Item 5 - 04/00677/REM - Park School, Rawreth Lane, Rayleigh

Proposal – Details of two storey building to provide sports and leisure centre with outside playing areas, skateboard park, access and parking areas.

Resolved

That the reserved matters be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule and the additional heads of conditions set out in the addendum to the Schedule. (HPS)

The meeting closed	d at 8.36	pm.
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