

Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on 1 September 2022

PRESENT -

Councillor Humphrey Reynolds (Chair); Councillor Phil Neale (Vice-Chair); Councillors Steve Bridger (as nominated substitute for Councillor Nigel Collin), Kate Chinn, Monica Coleman, Alex Coley, Hannah Dalton (as nominated substitute for Councillor Neil Dallen), David Gulland, Previn Jagutpal, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre and Peter O'Donovan

Absent: Councillor Nigel Collin and Councillor Neil Dallen

Officers present: Justin Turvey (Planning Development Manager), Euan Cheyne (Planning Officer), Jason Ofosu (Principal Solicitor), Lidia Harrison (Principal Solicitor), and Dan Clackson (Democratic Services Officer)

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steven McCormick, Other Interest: In the interest of openness and transparency, Councillor Steven McCormick declared that he and most of the other Members of the Planning Committee had received a representation from a resident in relation to Item 3 on the Agenda.

11 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 July 2022 were agreed as a true record by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

12 GREEN GABLES, ASHLEY ROAD, EPSOM

Description

Demolition of existing building and erection of two linked, two storey buildings containing 22 student bedrooms, associated parking and cycle parking.

Decision

The Committee noted a presentation from the Planning Officer.

The Committee considered the possibility of a refusal of the application. The Chair considered it appropriate to require a deferral of the item to the next Planning Committee meeting to allow further discussions to be had.

Following consideration, the Committee resolved (8 in favour, 4 against, 0 abstaining and the Chair not voting) that the application be DEFERRED.

The reason for deferral was in order to arrange a Member site visit, with a view to bringing the application to the next meeting of the Committee, following said site visit.

The request for a site visit was made on the following grounds:

- (1) It was considered by Members to be essential in order to clarify issues, both for Members and the Agent, that could not be understood without such a visit, and which could not be considered prior to such a visit. The Committee considered that particular factors to be seen on site would be significant in terms of the weight to be afforded to them in determining the application, and because, following discussion in Committee, Members had reduced confidence that such factors could be fairly considered in the absence of a site visit to assess such details.

The Committee considered the importance for Members to have access to the rear of the property during the site visit.

13 MONTHLY APPEALS REPORT

The Committee noted the appeal decisions in relation to non-householder developments and noted the Summary of Pending Appeals.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.47 pm

COUNCILLOR HUMPHREY REYNOLDS (CHAIR)