

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. S. Crew (SC) (in the Chair)

**Councillors:** Mrs. E. Ballard JP (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), J. Garrett (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton JP (GEH), R.A. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard JP (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing

**Councillors not present:** Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips and 20 members of the public were also present.

**486. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**487. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

**488. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were made:

- a. Cllrs. CG and RJ – agenda items 8b and 14 – as members of ELDC.
- b. Cllr. FWPT – agenda item 14 – as a member of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 6, 7, 8, 11 and 14 – as a member of ELDC.
- e. Cllr. AL – agenda item 11 – as an acquaintance of the applicant. Agenda item 7 plans 5 and 3 – as an acquaintance of the applicants.

**489. Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the notes of the Planning meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**490. Acting Proper Officer's Report / Update**

The Acting Proper Officer drew Councillors attention to her tabled report, which was duly noted.

**491. Applications received by the Local Planning Authority**

The Committee considered the applications listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 01-30-18) and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a. N/092/00070/18 – object to proposed changes to conditions 13 and 17 and particularly to condition 17 regarding allowing Saturday morning work as it was felt that surrounding residents have a right to their rest at weekends.
- b. N/092/024732/17 – object, this application is unpopular with residents due to concerns about overlooking and loss of privacy, overshadowing to some properties, access road congestion, anti-social behaviour, the impact on wildlife due to hedge removal (loss of ecological habitats), the cumulative traffic impact on St. Bernard's Avenue and finally, the fact that in effect this would extend the Louth envelope.  
Cllr. Mrs. JMS abstained.
- c. N/105/00065/18 – object on the grounds that:
  - i. The nature of the proposal is overbearing.
  - ii. The development is unsustainable – there are no jobs and very little public transport.
  - iii. The Council is concerned that appropriate measures have not been taken to ensure that this development will not have a detrimental impact on downstream properties with regards to flooding, as Section 103 of the NPPF requires.

- iv. It appears that the attenuation pond is located in the wrong position according to how the land slopes, the lowest point being on the north west not the north east. Therefore, the Council is concerned about flooding.
  - v. The site inspection drainage statement reports that the “Bedrock is likely to comprise a chalk aquifer”. If this is so, the Council are concerned that the conversion of this rural land into suburban land could significantly impact underlying groundwater resources, could lead to flooding, subsidence of properties built over them and/or heave in other properties as the aquifers are diverted.
  - vi. There will be a cumulative traffic impact on Eastfield Road, which will/could be accessed from a number of other new planned developments in the area as well as this one, thus generating exponential amounts of traffic. The road network in this area is notoriously bad. Roads are already congested, used by many for parking, are narrow anyway (even in areas where cars are not parked) and do not allow large vehicles to pass simultaneously without one or both mounting pavements. Subsequently, the Council is concerned about pedestrian and highway safety as well as the increased traffic on infrastructure that already struggles to cope and will have to deal with the inevitable increase in traffic as well as the 280 extra trips into town just this one development will generate on a daily basis.
  - vii. The Council understand that Louth has reached the total number of houses it is required to build by the Local Plan, without taking this development into consideration.
- d. All other applications were supported.

#### 492. Planning Correspondence

The Committee noted that there were no planning decision variances, enforcement complaints or appeal decisions advised by the District Council.

#### 493. Correspondence

The Committee noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. **From:** LCC – **Re:** Notification that the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Site Locations document was adopted by LCC on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- b. **ELDC Planning Committee** – Re. application N/105/00753/17 - Land at 31 Horncastle Road, LN11 9LH will be presented to the ELDC Planning Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 10am. Anyone wishing to speak at the committee meeting should register by 12 noon on 30/1/18 with ELDC Democratic Services.

#### 494. Temporary Road Closures

The Committee noted that the following road closures would be implemented by LCC:

- c. **Location:** Mount Pleasant (Church Street to Little Lane). **When:** As and when required in period 7/2/18 to 13/3/18. **Reason:** Essential maintenance works by M&M Contractors.
- d. **Location:** Burnt Hill Lane. **When:** As and when required in period 12/2/18 to 13/2/18. **Reason:** Essential maintenance works by A Plant Lux / BT Openreach.

#### 495. Anglian Water Work in Vicinity of Westgate / Westgate Fields

Following a proposal by Councillor Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Anglian Water noting the Council’s concerns and requesting a timeline of when their works will be completed in the west of the town.

#### 496. Proposed Work to Trees

The Committee noted the following proposed work to trees:

- e. **Location:** Tudor Lodge, High Holme Road, Louth. **Applicant:** Dr. S. Bailey. **Proposals:** T1 – Common Holly – Reduce to 6m from 8m and shape. T2 – Cherry spp – reduce to 6m from 9m and shape. T3 – Common Lime – Reduce to 6-7m from 18m by pollarding to break in crown. **Reason:** To increase space and light. Trees are due maintenance.
- f. **Location:** 61 Crowtree Lane, Louth. **Applicant:** Mr. S. Furness. **Proposals:** Reduce Sycamore by 3m in height and 2m in width. **Reason:** To reduce the windsail and ensure retention of the tree.

#### 497. Road Naming

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that Ticklepenney Drive and Cloisters Walk be proposed for road names at land adjacent 82 Eastfield Road.

**498. Revised Lincolnshire Wolds AONB**

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DJEH it was **RESOLVED** that no corporate response should be made by Louth Town Council to the above consultation.

**499. East Lindsey Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications (2017) Consultation**

Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that no corporate response should be made to the above consultation.

**500. Planning Working Group (PWG)**

The Committee were of the opinion that the extra column entitled 'PWG Recommendations' included on the planning schedule was useful and following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** to adopt procedures whereby Councillors email their comments to the Planning Chairman for inclusion in the PWG Recommendations by the Wednesday before each scheduled Planning Committee Meeting.

**501. Next Meeting**

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The Meeting Closed at 8.29pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)      Dated \_\_\_\_\_

For Approval 20th February 2018