

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2016**

**Present** Councillor D.J.E. Hall (DJEH) (in the chair)

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

**Councillors not present:** Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC) and D. Hobson (DH)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips one member of the press and seven members of the public were also present.

Two people spoke in the public forum, as follows:

- A lady spoke requesting support for a full and systematic independent archaeological survey on the site before planning permission be considered. She reported that a philanthropist was waiting in the wings who had offered to buy the site from the King Edwards School and who wished to turn the site into a wildflower meadow with discreetly placed sign boards detailing the history of the site, once this was known.
- A lady brought to attention the fact that the fire brigade has no statutory duty when it comes to flooding. She wondered if they were consulted on new planning applications. It was confirmed that the Fire Brigade are not required by law to be consulted and it is part of their job to help out in a flood if they are called. It was agreed that ELDC could be consulted on the issue.

Following a proposal by Councillor PFW (in the chair), seconded by Cllr MO it was resolved that for the benefit of members of the public present that the order of meetings should be reversed.

Councillor Hall, as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee then took the Chair.

**152. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC) and D. Hobson (DH).

**153. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman reported that ELDC had given permission for planning application N/105/00386/16 at Louth Athletics Club with conditions. Cllr. Mrs. JMS remarked that when she had been on the ELDC planning committee if LTC had objected to an application it would automatically be taken to the committee rather than being decided under delegated powers. Following a proposal by Cllr. LM Stephenson, seconded by Cllr. DT it was **RESOLVED** that ELDC would be asked why this had not happened on this occasion and should be asked to reconsider the application.

**154. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were received:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – Planning application 6 – as a trustee on behalf of LCC.
- b. All Cllrs. – Planning application 7 – as acquaintances of the applicant.
- c. Cllr. CG – Planning application 1 – as a District Councillor for the area.
- d. Cllr. RJ – Planning application 10 – as a customer.
- e. Cllr. GEH – Planning applications 3 and 9 – as an acquaintance of the applicants.
- f. Cllr. DT – Planning application 2 – as has been consulted by the applicants.
- g. Cllr. DEW – Planning application 2 – as an acquaintance of the applicant.
- h. Cllr. JMS – Planning applications 6 and 7 – as a part time member of the ELDC planning committee.
- i. Cllr. LMS – Planning application 4 – as a neighbour.

**155. Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. JG it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Committee that the notes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 be approved as the minutes.

**156. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding**

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

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

The Committee considered the applications listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 08-23-16) and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a. N/092/01635/16 – object on the grounds of: 1) Ecological concerns i) regarding endangered species in the area e.g., badger and bat and ii) Japanese Knot Weed known to be growing in the vicinity. 2) Water supply and pressure issues – Councillors are concerned that in the event of a fire in the area there would be insufficient water pressure in the vicinity to accommodate emergency services. Further, Councillors have been informed that there is not an adequate supply of water to this area and in order to rectify this Westgate Fields and Westgate would have to be dug up again to lay suitable pipework. 3) Flooding issues caused by inadequate sewer systems unable to cope with current demand and concern over who will adopt the maintenance of proposed SUD's scheme. 4) Visual impact in an area of Great Landscape Value with views to the AONB. 5) Transport and traffic problems – Louth Town Council have responded to proposals in the Local Plan that building in the North East of the town where the road infrastructure is already strained is not acceptable. There are no proposals to improve or slow traffic. Road links are already inadequate and moving traffic is reduced to single file on all of the main roads leading away from the site to negotiate parked cars for which there is no discernible solution. The additional traffic movements will create a road safety danger and impact on all major junctions leading to the development. 6) Town Centre Car Parking - The proposed site is deemed to be too far from the centre of town for pedestrians resulting in increased car journeys which will have an adverse effect on traffic and parking in the town and will be detrimental to everyone's overall lifestyle. 7) The development location is outside the envelope of the town boundaries and has been largely discounted in the proposed Local Plan, the quantity of houses proposed would provide around 40% of the allocation of housing for Louth concentrated in an unsuitable area without support facilities such as schools, shops and community centres which would not optimise sustainability.
- b. To support all other applications listed.

**158. Proposed Work to Trees**

Following a proposal by Cllr. FWPT, seconded by Cllr. JG it was **RESOLVED** that the Committee should support the following proposed work to trees:

- a. 22 St. Mary's Park – Canopy Lift 1 Lime and 1 Ash to 5.2m above ground level to allow more light to the garden.

**159. Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.32pm.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_