

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

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

**Councillors not present:** M. Locking (ML), L.M. Stephenson (LMS) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

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

**223. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors ML, LMS and DEW.

**224. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman remarked that ELDC would be holding planning policy meetings on the following days to discuss the following subjects and they invited Councillors to attend. Cllr. Mrs. PFW urged Councillors to attend to ensure that matters are being conducted properly:

- a. 11/10 – Housing and Coastal Policy
- b. 13/10 – Gypsy and Traveller Site Selection and all other policies in the core strategy
- c. 14/10 – Settlement proposals.

**225. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were received:

- a. Cllr. CG – agenda item 8a – as a member of ELDC
- b. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 6, 7 and 8 – as a member of ELDC
- c. Cllr. AL – planning application 4 – as an acquaintance of the applicant
- d. Cllr. Mrs. DB – planning application 2 – as affects her brother
- e. Cllr. RJ – agenda item 8a – as a member of ELDC
- f. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC and planning application 4 – as a neighbour.

**226. Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

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

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

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

The Committee considered the applications listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 09-27-16) and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a. 2) N/092/01853/16 – Land South of Chestnut Drive – To object on the grounds of:
  - i. Utilities – there are concerns that AW does not have the capacity to supply a development in this area with the levels of pressure and volume required. There are also concerns that the foul water disposal has a fixed capacity and future phases will exceed the ability to cope with volumes generated.
  - ii. Traffic – the level of vehicle movements which will be generated by this development will exacerbate known pinch points such as Eastgate (Trinity Centre Area) which currently operate as single vehicle flow due to on street parking. As the site is 1.25miles from the Town Centre it is envisaged that use of vehicles will

be employed for most local trips required for school runs, medical visits, shopping and leisure. The consequent generation of traffic will then also add to traffic volumes in the town centre and on car parking availability which will require a full independent traffic survey to be carried out.

- iii. Local Services – there is concern regarding the capacity of schools and the increase in population reliant on local hospital services that does not have full emergency cover.
- iv. Local Community – residents of Chestnut Drive are concerned that the additional traffic will cause road safety issues which do not currently exist and that the entrance to the new development will split this close community affecting their wellbeing. There is an expectation that this development over time will increase to 400 homes and the generation of construction traffic combined with residential increases will also have a further detrimental impact over a long period.
- v. Drainage – as this site is currently Greenfield there are concerns that the amount of hard landscaping will make it difficult to deal with the disposal of surface water. There are safety concerns expressed with the use of attenuation ponds that may attract children to them. Residents are aware that there are open drainage channels that contain up to 5 feet of water on occasion and back up due to the culverts further downstream. Residents of Chestnut Drive are concerned that in their downstream location from this application they could be impacted by the lack of maintenance of any SUD's scheme that is used to mitigate surface water run-off. Information provided states that the land contains a primary aquifer and there should be adequate measures introduced to mitigate issues that may also be encountered as a result of this. The possible future levels of the Lud were also a concern to cope with additional feeds from new developments whilst in full flow.
- vi. Ecology – there are concerns that surveys were carried out during the fallow season and that the result may not reflect species found in high season. There is a known Badger Sett in this area. There are also concerns regarding the protection of existing trees.

- b. All other applications were supported with the exception of 1) and 9) which were withdrawn from the agenda.

**229. Planning Correspondence**

The Committee noted that the following notification had been received:

**a. Planning Application Withdrawn**

- i. N/105/01447/16 42 Westgate (convert residential building to provide 3 dwellings)

**230. Proposed Work to Trees**

The Committee noted without comment the following proposed works to trees:

- a. Eresbie Road Public Open Space – T2 Sycamore Fell (5 days' notice dangerous exemption) note only, T6 Ash repeat previous crown reduction to minimise risk of branch failure. Applicant is ELDC.

**231. Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.59pm.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_