

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING, 25th SEPTEMBER, 2014

Present – Councillors Darvesh (Chairman), Kellett (Vice-Chairman), Allen, Ayub, C. Burrows, L. Byrne, Connell, Critchley, Cunliffe, Dean, Gillies, Kay, Martin, Mistry, Morris (as deputy for Councillor Sherrington), Peel, Richardson, A. Walsh, Watters and Wild (as deputy for Councillor J. Walsh).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Sherrington and J. Walsh.

Councillor Darvesh in the Chair.

10. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Committee held on 28th August and 11th September, 2014 were submitted and signed as correct records.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that the Director of Development and Regeneration had requested that an urgent item entitled Winter Wonderland, which was not specified on the Agenda for this meeting, be placed before the Committee as a matter of urgency.

The Committee was requested to consider the report as an urgent item so that, in the event that no additional relevant planning issues were raised in representations received during the remainder of the consultation period, a planning consent could be issued and contractual arrangements finalised for the Winter Wonderland facilities on Victoria Square.

Resolved – That the item of urgent business be considered by this Committee

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Under the approved delegation arrangements, the Committee considered certain applications, as set out in the report submitted by the Director of Development and Regeneration, for permission to undertake developments, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act.

The Committee visited the sites of applications:

92362/14
92401/14

90536/14

Members of the public addressed the Committee in relation to the following applications:-

91000/13	92362/14
92078/14	90536/13
92328/14	91238/13
92401/14	92510/14

The following Councillors declared interests in the following items of business:-

Member	Application Number	Nature of Interest
Councillor Kellett	90536/13	She knows the applicant and she withdrew from the meeting.
Councillor Wild	92510/14	He is a member of the Friends of Astley Bridge who are applying for the permission – he addressed the Committee as the applicant and then withdrew from the

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		meeting during the consideration and determination of the application
Councillor Martin	92362/14	He declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting
Councillor Critchley	92367/14	He declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting
Councillor Kellett	92317/14	She knows the applicant
Councillor Kellett	92328/14	She knows the applicant
Councillor Kellett	92401/14	She is a member of Horwich Town Council
Councillor Critchley	92362/14	He is a member of the Methodist Church
Councillors Allen and Cunliffe	92328/14	They are members of Bolton at Home who may have a potential interest in the application site
Councillor Mrs Thomas	92468/14	Her Executive Portfolio includes schools
Councillors Allen, Critchley, Dean and A. Walsh	92510/14	They know the applicant as he is member of the Bolton Conservative Party

Resolved – That the various planning applications submitted by the Director of Development and Regeneration be dealt with as follows:-

Application Number	Proposal and Location	Decision
90536/13	Erection of agricultural livestock building and silage area and construction of access track on land adjacent Old Kiln Lane	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report, and additional conditions regarding substantial landscaping, extension of access and material used being cement fibre cladding
91000/13	Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use and erection of 12 stables and barn with menage and associated parking on land at Wimberry Hill Road, Westhoughton	Refused, as recommended in the report
91238/13	Erection of 20 dwellings including associated car parking spaces, access and landscaping on land at 18 Worsley Road, Farnworth	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report
92078/14	Erection of a 700 place secondary school including sixth form on land at Wolfenden Street	That the decision be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration for approval

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92293/14	Demolition of outbuildings and erection of detached dwelling at rear of Lodore, 104 Junction Road	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report
92317/14	Conversion and alterations of former farm building to two dwellings (3 no and 4 no bedrooms) together with landscaping works, shared drive and parking at Poplars Farm, Wingates Lane, Westhoughton	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report
92328/14	Erection of one detached bungalow at 43 Drake Hall, Westhoughton	Refused, as recommended in the report
92362/14	Demolition of former Methodist theatre church and erection of 9 no dwellings together with associated works (including retention of community and scout buildings) at Theatre Church, Seymour Road	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report, and removal of condition 7 regarding double yellow lines
92367/14	Change of use and conversion of outbuilding to dwelling including single storey side extension at 692 Chorley Road, Westhoughton	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report, and additional condition regarding site car parking plan

92401/14	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of dormer bungalow at 14 Manor Road, Horwich	Deferred for further information
92468/14	Creation of temporary access from Dealey Road and construction of a haul road to the rear of the playing fields of Ladybridge High School including erection of 3 metre high paladin fence and gates at Ladybridge High School, New York	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report, the amendment of the temporary permission to expire on 31 st March, 2015 and additional condition regarding double yellow lines
92510/14	Advertisement to 38 no existing planters (non-illuminated) at Blackburn Road, Crompton Way, Moss Bank Way, Broad Oth Lane	Approved, subject to conditions, as recommended in the report

13. WINTER WONDERLAND

Further to Minute 11 of the meeting of this Committee, the Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which sought consent for the temporary use of parts of the pedestrianised areas of Oxford Street, Victoria Square and Newport Street for the Council's Winter Wonderland event between 29th November, 2014 and 4th January, 2015.

The affected parts of the pedestrianised highway would be closed for construction and dismantling between 21st November, 2014 and 8th January, 2015 respectively.

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Full details of the proposed attractions associated with the Winter Wonderland event were provided in the report and included a big wheel, an ice rink and a snow slide.

Resolved – That the decision be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration for approval once the consultation period expires, provided that no additional relevant planning issues are raised in representations received during the remainder of the consultation period.

(The meeting started at 2.00pm and finished at 4.15pm)