

Planning Committee – Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th March, 2012.

Present:- Councillors Dodds (Chair), Bains, Carter (Vice-Chair), Dale-Gough, Plimmer and Strutton

Also present under Rule 30:- Councillors Abe, Buchanan and Plenty

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Rasib

PART I

82. Declaration of Interest

Agenda item 5, P/02330/001 - Councillor Plimmer declared that he had previously dealt with case work relating to land off Market Lane and North of Parlaunt Road, Langley, Slough, in respect of the trading standards and animal welfare associated with the travelling fair which took place on the land. Councillor Plimmer stated that he had no involvement with the planning application for the site.

83. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2012

The minutes of the meetings of the planning held on 27th February 2012 were approved as a correct record.

Members were informed that planning application P/14685/001: 46 - 48 Sussex Place, Slough, which had been deferred for a site visit at the meeting on 27 February 2011, had been withdrawn by the applicant.

84. Human Rights Act Statement

Noted.

85. Amendment Sheet

Details were tabled in the amendment sheet of alterations and amendments received to applications since the agenda was circulated. Committee Members were given the opportunity to read the amendment sheet.

Resolved – That the decision be taken in respect of the planning applications as set out in the minutes below, subject to the information set out in the amendment sheet tabled at the meeting and subject to any further amendments and conditions as agreed by the Committee.

86. P/00790/020 - 281 High Street, Slough

Application:	Decision:
P/00790/020 – Change of use of first floor and second floor from B1 office to C3 residential use together with construction of a third floor to approve a total of 14 no. flats. Changes to external appearance including existing fenestration in all elevations. The installation of oriel bay windows within the western flank wall at first and second floor levels and installation of balconies. Removal of existing internal fire escape stair and replacement with new external escape stair. Installation of pedestrian access from high. Constructions of an external refuse store.	Delegated to the Head of Planning Policy and Projects.

87. P/08911/006 - 311-313 High Street, Slough

Application:	Decision:
P/08911/006 – 311 – 313, High Street, High Street, Slough. Erection of four storey rear extension and new third floor within mansard roof, to provide enlarged commercial floor space at ground floor and 10 no. x two bed flats and 1 no. x one bed flat above and 1 no. studio flat.	Delegated to the Head of Planning Policy and Projects.

88. P/02330/001 - Land off Market Lane and North of Parlaunt Road, Langley, Slough

Application:	Decision:
P/02330/001 – Land off Market Lane and to North of, Parlaunt Road, Slough. Retrospective Application for use of land for grading of horses/weekly horse fair and occasional weekend fair and retention of earth bund and access track.	Approved subject to conditions and to include additional conditions covering lorry turning, containment of horses within the yard area, if required, painting of shipping containers and removal of the word “permanent” from condition 15 relating to external lighting.

Councillors Abe, Buchanan and Plenty addressed the Committee with regard to the above planning application.

Planning Committee - 28.03.12

89. Future Planning Monitoring

At Planning Committee on 1st December 2011, it was resolved that the potential reporting options to produce and publish future monitoring reports be presented at a future Planning Committee.

Members were reminded that as a result of the Localism Act 2011, although there was no longer a requirement to submit an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to the Secretary of State, there was still a statutory duty to produce reports and make them available on the website for members of the community.

As a result the Council now had more flexibility to decide what it monitored, taking into account what would be most useful to Members and what was likely to be of most interest to the public.

Members were advised of topics and indicators likely to be included for future reporting.

Resolved - That the future arrangements for planning monitoring be noted.

90. Appeal Decisions

Resolved - That the report be noted.

91. Members' Attendance Record

Resolved – That the report be noted.

92. Vote of Thanks

It was noted that Councillor Dodds would not be seeking re-appointment in the forthcoming local elections. Members placed on record their thanks to Councillor Dodds for her work on the Committee over the years and wished her well for the future.

93. Any Other Business

Councillor Dale-Gough raised the issue of the number of takeaways in the Borough and whether controls could be put in place limiting the number of such venues in the Borough. It was agreed that Officers would look into the matter further and prepare a report on the issue, for consideration at a future planning committee.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.45 pm and closed at 8.30 pm)