

Planning Committee – Meeting held on Wednesday, 1st April, 2015.

Present:- Councillors Dar (Chair), Ajaib (Vice-Chair), Bains, M Holledge, Plenty and Rasib

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Swindlehurst

PART I

103. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Swindlehurst.

104. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Plenty declared an interest in respect of Agenda item 6 – S/00539/001 - Car park, Alpha Street North, Slough SL1 1RA. He advised that he had held general discussions regarding the car park in his role as a member of the Task & Finish Group on Town Centre Planning. Councillor Plenty confirmed that he had an open mind and would debate and vote on the item.

Councillor Ajaib declared an interest in respect of Agenda item 6 – S/00539/001 - Car park, Alpha Street North, Slough SL1 1RA, in that the application was situated within his Ward (Central Ward). He advised that he had an open mind and would debate and vote on the item.

105. Guidance on Predetermination/Predisposition - To Note

Members confirmed that they had read and understood the guidance on predetermination and predisposition.

106. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 17th February 2015

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2015 be approved as a correct record.

107. Human Rights Act Statement - To Note

The Human Rights Act statement was noted.

108. Planning Applications

Details were tabled in the amendment sheet of alterations and amendments received since the agenda was circulated. The Committee adjourned for five minutes to allow Members the opportunity to read the amendment sheet.

Oral representations were made to the Committee by objectors and applicants or their agents under the Public Participation Scheme and local members

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prior to the planning applications being considered by the Committee as follows:-

Application , P/00176/033 – 392 Bath Road, Slough, SL1 6JA: A Registered Objector and the Applicant's Agent addressed the Committee.

The Chair varied the order of agenda so that the item where an Objector was in attendance was taken first.

Resolved – That the decisions be taken in respect of the planning applications as set out in the minutes below, subject to the information, including conditions and informatives set out in the report of the Head of Planning Policy and Projects and the amendments sheet tabled at the meeting and subject to any further amendments and conditions agreed by the Committee.

109. P/00176/033 - 392 Bath Road, Slough, SL1 6JA

Application	Decision
Demolition of existing building and change of use of site, and erection of a new automotive retail dealership, to include a new car showroom, workshop, MOT, valeting, vehicle display and parking facilities.	Delegated to Planning Manager to negotiate relocation of rear door to east or west boundary. If relocation of door not possible, application to be brought back to Planning Committee for further discussion.

110. S/00539/001 - Car Park, Alpha Street North, Slough, SL1 1RA

Application	Decision
Erection of three storey building with rooms in roof space to provide 14no flats (7 x 1 Bed and 7 x 2 Bed) with associated car parking, cycle parking and bin store.	Delegated to the Planning Manager for minor design changes, completion of an undertaking to secure a future Section 106 agreement finalising conditions, and final determination.

111. P/12934/009 - Theale, Old Bath Road, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0NS

Application	Decision
Redevelopment of site to provide 22no. flats contained within one 5 storey and 4 storey blocks together with access parking and landscaping.	Delegated to the Planning Manager for minor design changes, resolution of outstanding drainage issues, completion of a Section 106 agreement, finalising conditions and final determination.

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112. Consultation on South Bucks and Spelthorne Local Plans

Paul Stimpson, Planning Policy Lead Officer, introduced a report requesting that Members resolve to approve responses to Local Plans being prepared by South Bucks District Council and Spelthorne Borough Council.

Members were advised that one of the key elements of the Five Year Plan was the Review of the Local Plan for Slough, which required cooperation with adjoining authorities, including responding to proposals in their emerging plans.

South Bucks had published an Initial Consultation on their Local Plan which required a response from the Council at this stage. Spelthorne had started to review its Local Plan and had consulted Slough on both a Draft Duty to Cooperate Scoping Statement and a draft Statement of Community involvement.

Members were informed that Slough's strategy for construction of homes to meet demand within the borough would need to be considered with due regard to what the other neighbouring authorities were doing, alongside the outcome of the Heathrow Airports Commission and the Further Alteration of the London Plan.

Members requested details of Slough's current need for homes. The Officer explained that this was probably in the region of 550 new dwellings per year, which was outlined in the Five Year Plan. This was for all types of dwellings, and included affordable housing. However, it was likely that the inability of London and adjoining authorities to build the required houses per year meant that Slough may be required to build more than this.

The suggested responses outlined in the report were therefore designed to keep Slough's options open with regard to future actions, for example the urban expansion of Slough. Members agreed that the proposed responses were appropriate.

Resolved - (a) That South Bucks District Council be thanked for consulting the Council about its Local Plan 2014 – 2036 Initial Consultation and the comments set out in paragraphs 5.10, 5.12 and 5.15 of the report be forwarded to them.

(b) That Spelthorne Borough Council be thanked for Consulting the Council about its Duty to Cooperate Scoping Statement and the comments set out in paragraphs 5.18 and 5.20 of the report be forwarded to them.

113. Planning Appeal Decisions

Resolved - That details of recent Planning Appeal decisions be noted.

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114. Members Attendance Record

Resolved - That the Members Attendance Record for 2014/15 be noted.

115. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 29th April 2015.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 8.20 pm)