

Planning Committee – Meeting held on Thursday, 26th July, 2012.

Present:- Councillors Carter (Chair), Dar, Hussain, O'Connor, Plenty, Rasib (Vice-Chair), Sharif (arrived at 7.07pm) and Smith

Also present under Rule 30:- Councillor Parmar

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Swindlehurst

PART I

11. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Carter declared that he had received an email from an objector, Mrs Rita McCarthy, regarding item 4 of the agenda, Montem Primary School, Chalvey Grove, Slough.

12. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 19th June 2012

Resolved: - That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th June 2012 be approved as a correct record.

13. Human Rights Act Statement

Noted.

14. 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.

Oral representations were made to the Committee by an objector, Mrs Rita McCarthy, Mr McGeachie, Headteacher of Montem Primary School and Ward Councillor Parmar, prior to planning application S-00004-010 - Montem Primary School, Chalvey, Grove, Slough.

Resolved:- That the decision be taken in respect of the planning applications as set out in the amendment sheet tabled at the meeting and subject to any further amendment and conditions as agreed by the Committee.

15. S-00004-010 - Montem Primary School, Chalvey Grove, Slough

Application:	Decision:
S-00004-10 – New School Building (782 SQM) with car park accessed from Weekes Drive.	Delegated to the Head of Planning Policy and Projects for the completion of a Council planning obligation undertaking.

(Councillor Sharif did not vote or participate in the discussion on the above item)

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16. S/00685 - Land Adjacent 71 Weekes Drive, Slough

Application:	Decision:
S/00685 – Demolition of existing communal bin store and erection of three storey 5 no. bedroom family home, plus extension of existing parking lay-by in front of application site.	Approved with conditions.

17. Slough Accredited Planning Agents Scheme

The Committee was presented with a report requesting authorisation for an accredited agent scheme, which would be linked with the existing 'Buy with Confidence' scheme, operated by Trading Standards. The purpose of the Scheme was to allow the planning applications of accredited agents to be 'fast-tracked' through the validation process. The scheme would only be applicable to householder consent applications. Officers also requested that Members approve the consultation on a 'validation Checklist for Householder Consents'.

In response to a number of questions, officers advised that agents would be required to pay a one off fee of £25 to become a member of the 'Buy with Confidence' scheme and would be required to submit 5 consecutive accurately and fully completed applications prior to be accepted as an accredited agent.

Resolved: -

- (a) That the Head of Planning Policy and Projects be authorised to publish the Validation Checklist: Householder Consents for public consultation for a period of 8 weeks as soon as is practicable;
- (b) That the results of the public consultation be reported back to the Planning Committee and that the final document then be recommended for adoption;
- (c) That the Head of Planning Policy and Projects be authorised to make minor drafting or typographical changes to the content of the document and list, if required; and
- (d) That the Head of Planning Policy and Projects be authorised to commence an Agent Accreditation Scheme for householder applications.

18. Appeal Decisions

Resolved – That the report be noted.

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19. Members Attendance Record

Resolved -That the report be noted.

20. Date of Next Meeting - 5th September 2012

Noted.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 8.30 pm)