

## **Planning Committee – Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2008.**

**Present:-** Councillors Dodds (Chair), Dale-Gough, A S Dhaliwal, Finn, Maclsaac, Pantelic and Rasib (Vice-Chair)

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillor Plimmer

### **PART 1**

#### **27. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Maclsaac declared an interest in application No P/00354/009 – 3A Church Street, Slough as he had some insight into the subject application due to his membership of the Licensing Committee. He advised however that he would have an open mind in this matter and vote on the application. Councillor Maclsaac also declared an interest in application No P/06348/007 – Lion House, Depot and 10 Petersfield Avenue, Slough as he had received a phone call from the applicant. He advised that he would view the application with an open mind.

Councillor A S Dhaliwal declared an interest in application No P/06348/007 – Lion House, Depot and 10 Petersfield Avenue, Slough as he had received a letter from the applicant. He advised however that he would view the application with an open mind.

#### **28. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 were approved as a correct record.

With regard to the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 which were approved at the last meeting, Members are advised that there was an error in the names recorded as voting for and against a proposal to approve the application in respect of 18 Blenheim Road. The sentence in question should read – ‘Councillors A S Dhaliwal and Rasib voted in favour of this proposal with Councillors Dodds, Maclsaac and Plimmer voting against. Councillor Dale-Gough abstained.’

#### **29. Planning Applications**

Oral representations were made to the Committee by objectors and an applicant under the Planning Participation Scheme prior to the planning applications being considered by the Committee as follows:-

P/00354/009 – 3A Church Street, Slough – an objector to the Scheme and the applicant addressed the Committee.

P/06348/007 – Lion House, Depot and 10 Petersfield Avenue, Slough – the applicant’s agent addressed the Committee.

With the agreement of the Chair the order of business was varied to ensure that applications where objectors, applicants and/or local Members had indicated a wish to address the Committee were taken first. Details were tabled in the amendment

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sheet of alterations and amendments received to applications since the agenda was circulated together with further representations and/or petitions received.

**Resolved** - That the following decisions be taken in respect of the planning application set out below, subject to the information including conditions and informatives, set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Policy and the amendment sheet circulated at the meeting, and subject to any further amendments and conditions agreed by the Committee as indicated below.

<b>Application No</b>	<b>Proposed Development</b>	<b>Decision</b>
P/00354/009	3a, Church Street, Slough- Change of use of first floor office to private hire taxi booking/control office and erection of 13m high aerial.	Refused.  Reasons:-  Potential problems of public disorder in the vicinity of the premises.  A lack of on site parking for staff.  The exacerbation of traffic problems and congestion in the locality.
	(Councillor Dale-Gough did not take part in the debate or vote on the above item as he was not present when discussion on the item commenced).	
	It was agreed that Councillor Maclsaac would attend any subsequent Planning Inquiry on behalf of the Committee. (The meeting adjourned at 7.00 p.m. and reconvened at 7.08 p.m during consideration of the above item).	
P/06348/007	Lion House: Depot & No., 10, Petersfield Avenue, Slough- Demolition of buildings; erection of building (3/5 storey) containing 90 apartments and a health centre; conversion of 10	Delegated to HPSP for completion of S106 Agreement

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	Petersfield Avenue from flats to a house (3 bedroom) with parking and landscaping.	
P/00170/016	Car Park at Farnham Road, Slough- Erection of an industrial unit for recycling purposes (b2) with weighbridge and ancillary offices.	Approved with conditions
P/12828/002	141-143, Chalvey Grove, Slough- Construction of 1 no. three storey block of flats consisting of 14 no. one bedroom flats and 1 no. part two /part three storey block of flats consisting of 2 no. two bedrooms and 3 no. one bedroom flats with 21 no. parking spaces.	Delegated to HPSP for completion of s106 Agreement
P/14395/000	Land at former Garage Compound, R/O 1-18, Granville Avenue, Slough- Construction of 8 no. three bedroom and 2 no. four bedroom terraced houses and 1 no. five bedroom detached houses with parking.	Approved with Conditions
P/01637/036	Land to the west of, 367-389, Maplin Park, Langley, Slough- Erection of a three storey block of flats containing 15no. x 2 bedroom flats and 10 no. two and half storey 3 bedroom houses (including accommodation within the roofspace) contained within two terraces. access and parking for 40 no. cars together with landscaping.	Delegated to HPSP

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### **30. Planning Appeal Decisions**

The Committee noted the receipt of recent planning appeal decisions.

**Resolved** - That the report be noted.

### **31. Authorised Enforcements and Prosecutions**

Committee Members noted the status of various ongoing enforcement and prosecution cases.

**Resolved** - That the report be noted.

### **32. Update on The Progress of The Local Development Framework**

The Head of Planning Policy and Projects outlined a report to update Members on the latest stage in the presentation of the site allocations development plan document (DPD), due to be published for public consultation in October, 2008. The report was added to the agenda at the request of the Chair on the grounds of urgency.

The initial stage of the DPD was reported to the Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 and details of the Slough Core Strategy that were found to be sound by the Inspector, would be reported to the next Committee meeting, prior to seeking approval from Cabinet and full Council for the formal adoption of the plan (subject to the minor changes recommended by the Inspector).

Work could now continue on the site allocations DPD which would help to implement the Core Strategy by identifying specific areas of land for development. Following consultation with the public, land owners and various organisations, a large number of sites had been identified, falling into a number of categories. These included the large regeneration sites that were identified in the Core Strategy and other sites that were submitted by objectors to the Core Strategy such as the Slough Intermodal Freight Exchange. The Council had identified a number of its own sites for inclusion, including the Town Hall, the Haymill Centre and Wexham Nursery. It was originally proposed to include all of the potential housing sites coming forward as part of the Garage Court Strategy in the site allocations process but this was not practical so a summary would be included as an Appendix to the document for information purposes.

The Officer advised that the site allocations DPD would be published for a six week consultation period beginning 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2008. An exhibition and meetings would be held for the benefit of Parish Councils when Officers would attend to explain the proposals.

The Officer emphasised that the inclusion of a site in the DPD, would not indicate that the Council supported the proposal or give the site any planning status. This would only happen once the site allocations DPD had been adopted.

**Resolved** - That the report be noted.

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### **33. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

In accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) to the Local Government Act 1972 it was recommended that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item in Part II of the agenda as it involved the likely disclosure of :-

- (1) information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- (2) Information which reveals that the Authority proposes
  - (a) To give under enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - (b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.

**Resolved** - That the press and public be excluded.

### **PART II**

(The following is a summary of the matter considered in Part II of the meeting).

### **34. 307- 311 Colnbrook By-Pass, Slough**

The Committee considered a report that was added to the agenda on the grounds of urgency at the request of the Chair.

**Resolved** - That the Borough Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to proceed with the recommended action.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 7.55 pm)