

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**PLANNING APPLICATIONS PANEL**

A meeting of the Planning Applications Panel was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 28th September 2017.

Present: Councillors A Beevor; S Gifford; S Hassell

Absent: Councillor R Valatka.

In attendance: Mr David Shaw and Mr Kurt Little

55. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Dyne; P Kadewere; A Mackender Lawrence; B Manning; B Morrell.

56. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

57. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Planning Applications Panel meeting held on 7th September 2017 (M6) had been published to the website following their informal approval by the Chairman. It was therefore

RESOLVED to approve these as a correct record subject to the amendments and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

58. **PUBLIC ADDRESS/ADDRESS BY OTHER TOWN COUNCILLORS TO PANEL**

There was none.

59. **PRESENTATION**

Members welcomed a presentation from Mr David Shaw and Kurt Little on behalf of David Shaw Planning regarding Planning application 16/02715/FUL Demolition of existing building and erection of new building containing 14 apartments, together with car parking and landscaping including front boundary treatment. 11-12 Ferrars Road, Huntingdon PE29 3DH.

Mr Little started by saying that they were not happy with the previous application and agreed with Huntingdon Town Council's original comments. Mr Shaw and Mr Little showed Members examples of existing developments by the company and showed how they were designed to be in keeping with the street scene and enhance the local area.

The aim for the amended proposal was a continuation of the neighbouring Aspen Development on Ferrars Road/ Edison Bell Way. There would be differing roof heights to ensure that it was in keeping with the neighbouring listed building and did not detract from the character of the street. There would be rendering to the externals of some walls and the site would include a private amenity space for residents. The proposed development would be considered subservient to the listed building.

The representatives were keen to show the importance of landscaping within and surrounding the development. Detailed drawings by the landscape artist were shown to members, creating privacy and detracting from the private car parking. Tree lines and hedge heights were also included to give residents privacy from the road, and there would be park style fencing.

The development would have 14 parking spaces, and the unit would comprise of 13 2 two-bedroom flats and 1 single bedroom flat.

Members questioned the impact of Grenfell had had on the developers, and the representatives explained that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue had visited every site in the region over 4 storeys to ensure that they were safe.

A Member questioned the noise impact for residents being so close to the police station and ring road, however the representatives explained that noise would be minimised by modern building techniques executed to a high standard.

The plot of land in front of the development fronting onto St Johns Street was identified as Cambridgeshire County Council who was not prepared to sell to the developer for landscaping and it was noted that the administrator would see if it was a site which Huntingdon Town Council could manage and encourage landscaping.

Members thanked Mr Shaw and Mr Little for their presentation.

60. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members of the Panel considered the planning applications received from Huntingdonshire District Council contained in a list dated 28th September 2017 as set out on the attached schedule.

61. **DECISION NOTICES**

The Panel considered the decisions made by the Huntingdonshire District Council contained in a list dated 28th September 2017 as set out on the attached schedule and it was

RESOLVED to note these with thanks.

62. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION**

Members noted the decision notification for planning reference H/5013/17/CC.

63. **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER CHURCH LANE, HUNTINGDON**

Members noted the temporary traffic order for Church Lane in Huntingdon.

64. **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER ELM CLOSE, HUNTINGDON**

Members noted the temporary traffic order for footway running from No15-38 Elm Close, Huntingdon

65. **DATE & AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as 12th October 2017, at the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon.

CHAIRMAN