



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

A

Minutes of Planning Committee

Time and date

6.00pm on Monday 15 December 2014

Place

Town Council Office, 66C High Street, Andover

Details of Attendance:

Cllr A Cotter (Chairman) (P)

Cllr B Long (Vice-Chairman) (P)

Cllr B Carpenter (A)

Cllr S Hawke (A)

Cllr S Hardstaff (A)

Cllr R Khuman (A)

Cllr B Page (A)

Cllr V Pond (P)

Members of Public Present: 0

PC130/14 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Carpenter, S Hardstaff, S Hawke, B Page and R Khuman.

PC131/14 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PC132/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 1 December 2014 were signed as a correct record.

PC133/14 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

PC134/14 Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications that had been submitted to Test Valley Borough Council.

5.1	14/02553/FULLN	Construction of car park to provide 15 parking spaces for residents	Land adjacent 299-301 ,Pilgrims Way, Andover
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	No objection.		
5.2	14/02875/FULLN	Erection of three storey 66 bedroomed care home for older people with associated car parking and landscaping.	Plot B of Plot 1, Andover Business Park, Hawker Siddeley Way, Andover
	<p>Objection</p> <p>A carehome has a C2 site classification, this is a site for a C1 hotel. Andover needs more hotels for tourism, there is no evidence given that this site cannot deliver a hotel. The Town Council believes it is important to increase the hotel provision in Andover. The site for a hotel in the Town Centre has been lost as this was given approval for a care home.</p> <p>The parking provided is not sufficient. There are no car parking spaces provided for visitors.</p> <p>The Design Statement quotes 15 staff working per shift and only 18 car parking spaces provided, of which 2 are for disabled drivers.</p> <p>It is not practical to expect visitors to access the site from public transport. The bus from Monxton is every 2 hours and does not run after 6pm. Therefore both visitors and staff will need to use cars.</p> <p>The area provided for emergency and delivery vehicles is not suitable, an ambulance may be needed when a delivery is taking place and the space provided would not accommodate this.</p> <p>This is not an ideal location for a care home. It is very close to a major road, there is no regular bus provision, the cycle and pedestrian access is from Weyhill Road. This may be suitable to cycles but not for pedestrians. There is no pavement along Hawker Siddeley Way.</p> <p>The Design Statement mentions that this development is in a residential area. The nearest residential area is within the Land Army HQ or the other side of the A303 at Galaghers Mead.</p> <p>The Design Statement also mentions that residents will be able to use the grounds for recreation, this is not clear from the plans submitted and the Town Council would like to see more detail.</p>		
5.3	14/02554/FULLN	Demolition of existing redundant community use building and build new building containing eight residential flats	Andover and District Mencap Society, Bonhomie Centre, South End Road, Andover
	<p>Concerned about erecting a 6ft fence around the whole site, this will have a significant and detrimental impact on the street scene.</p> <p>A 6ft fence along the path adjacent to the front doors from No 38 onwards will create a very dark passageway. The Town Council would welcome police/neighbourhood watch opinion on residents' safety.</p> <p>There is no indication of lighting along this path, which was a condition of the previous applications approval.</p> <p>Concerned about the provision of only 2 communal bins for waste and recycling, 1 of each may not be sufficient for 8 flats.</p>		

Observations on Lists 48 & 49 attached at Appendix B.

PC135/14 Decision Notices

The Decision Notices were detailed on the Agenda and were noted by Members.

PC136/14 Street Naming

There were no street naming applications. However, Cllr Long reminded Members that consideration should be given to future street names particularly with reference to WW1 as requested by TVBC.

PC137/14 Communications from Test Valley Borough Council

There were no communications from Test Valley Borough Council

PC138/14 Test Valley Borough Council – Northern Area Planning Committee

It was agreed that the Town Council would not make any representations at the Northern Area Planning Committee on 23 December 2014.

PC139/14 Telecommunication Applications

Proposed Base Station Upgrade works at (VF)5837 – Usborne plc, Andover, Grain Silos, Weyhill Road, Andover.

No objections

PC140/14 Communication from Hampshire County Council

Members noted a newsletter regarding the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

PC141/14 Street Trading Licences

There were no Street Trading Licence applications

PC142/14 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pond and Long confirmed that in the New Year the Steering Committee would hold a meeting to elect further Members onto the Steering Committee. They reminded Members that although the Neighbourhood Plan was initiated by the Town Council, it was the Community that controlled the Plan and shaped its content, not the Town Council.

PC143/14 Test Valley Borough Council Local Plan

Cllr Long reported that she had observed the ongoing hearing for the TNBC Local Plan. The overall impression was not positive for the Local Plan, with the possibility of it being rejected on technicalities.

PC144/14 Items for consideration at the next meeting

There were no additional Items requested for the next meeting.

PC145/04 Date of next meeting

Members noted the date and venue of the next meeting: Monday 19 January 2015 at 6.00pm at the Town Council Office.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Chairman:

Date: