

## minutes

Meeting **PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date **Tuesday 18 December 2012 (commencing at 10.30 am)**

### **membership**

Persons absent are marked with `A`

### **COUNCILLORS**

Chris Barnfather (Chair)  
Sybil Fielding (Vice-Chair)

Jim Creamer  
John M Hemsall  
Stan Heptinstall MBE  
Rev Tom Irvine

Bruce Laughton  
Rachel Madden  
Sue Saddington  
Mel Shepherd MBE  
Keith Walker

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Nathalie Birkett - Solicitor  
David Forster – Democratic Services Officer  
Jerry Smith – Team Manager, Development Management  
Martin Green – Development Control Co-ordinator

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2012, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to it being noted that where it reads Councillor Ruth Madden it should read Councillor Rachel Madden.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None

### **DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING OF MEMBERS**

None

## **WEST BRIDGFORD HOUSE SITE SWITHLAND DRIVE WEST BRIDGFORD**

Mr Smith introduced the report and gave a presentation outlining the main elements of the application, including the number and nature of objections received. Committee were informed of the content of late consultation responses received from Nottinghamshire County Council's Design Services Team and the Police Architectural Liaison Officer

Following the opening remarks of Mr Smith a number of speakers were given the opportunity to speak and summaries of those speeches are set out below.

Mr Tyler, a local resident, spoke in opposition to the application and raised a number of issues, including traffic conflicts which may occur on the cul de sac on a daily basis. He also raised concerns regarding the privacy of residents and properties of the local immediate community.

There were no questions asked.

The Chairman informed the objectors that Committee had been for a site visit prior to the meeting today.

Mrs Robinson, a local resident, spoke in opposition to the application and raised a number of issues, including the dangers of drivers parking on an already busy Loughborough Road. She also raised the issue of potential conflict between, parents dropping off children on what will become a very busy cul de sac, and traffic.

There were no questions asked.

Mr Smith informed members that Condition 31 sets out the Traffic Regulation Order which would need to be in place as part of the application.

Mr Thurston, a local resident, spoke in opposition to the application and raised a number of issues, including replanting trees, congestion and safety. He raised concerns regarding the removal of Willow trees with no plan to replace them. The congestion which will be caused not only on Swithland Drive but in the surrounding areas could prove dangerous and is at the detriment to residents. The third point raised was of safety with both children and residents in mind with the increase in traffic.

There were no questions asked.

In response to the removal of the two Willow Trees raised in Mr Thurston's oral presentation, Mr Smith informed members that although the two Willow trees which are currently growing along the perimeter of the current site will have to be removed, there will, however, be replacement trees planted around the entrance to the new building. The Willow trees have to be removed to allow for the building to be built and give an adequate play area and garden for both the school and the day centre.

Ms Williams Nottinghamshire County Council and applicant spoke in favour of the application and highlighted the issue of a need for additional school places because demand for school places is growing in the area. She also informed members that there is not a great deal of available sites within the West Bridgford area and this is therefore the best opportunity to alleviate the problem.

In response to questions Ms Williams responded as follows-

- I am unaware of any local developments in the area
- The plan is to increase the capacity of the school on a rolling basis and not to change the planned admission number en block.
- A traffic assessment has been carried out in the area and is available

During discussions Members considered the traffic issues, safety and removal of the two Willow Trees, the need for additional school places in the area, the presumption in favour of school development expressed by Government and the concerns presented by the objectors. They also took into consideration the extensive conditions attached to the application.

On a motion by the Chairman and duly seconded by the Vice Chairman it was

**RESOLVED 2012/037**

That planning permission be granted for the purposes of Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

**RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PLANNING PERFORMANCE AND THE PLANNING GUARANTEE**

Mr Smith introduced the report and highlighted the suggested answers to the consultation questions set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

**RESOLVED 2012/038**

That the consultation be noted and that the suggested responses to the consultation questions as set out in the Appendix attached to the report be endorsed, subject to any amendments which may be advised by the Monitoring Officer

**REVIEW OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**RESOLVED 2012/039**

That the report be noted

**WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED 2012/040**

That the work programme be noted

The meeting closed at 12.12 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

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