

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held in the Meeting Room of Fairway Hall Offices, Brook Close, Borehamwood on **Monday 15 November 2021** at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr C Butchins (Chairman) (in the Chair)
Cllr R Butler
Cllr Mrs S Parnell
Cllr Mrs P Strack
Cllr P Kaza

In attendance: H R O Jones – Town Clerk

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

36. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

37. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 19 October 2021 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

38. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

39. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A total of 25 applications received from the Borough Council were examined on 21 of which the Committee had no specific objections to make, subject to the views of neighbours.

21/2099/FUL - WM Morrison Supermarkets Plc Stirling Way

Alterations to vehicular access at Stirling corner Roundabout to allow for removal of grass verge to facilitate widening of the existing Stirling Way carriageway and associated road markings

Observation: At its meeting on 15 November 2021 the Environment and Planning Committee commented that it approved of the application believing that traffic and pedestrian safety would be improved by widening the entrance to the store.

[Post Meeting Note: Comments were submitted online through the Consultee comments facility].

21/2122/FUL - 2 Furzehill Rd WD6 2DF

Demolition of existing building and construction of 4 storey detached building to provide 8 self-contained flats with associated off-street parking, soft landscaping, refuse storage and cycle store
Observation: At its meeting on 15 November 2021 the Environment and Planning Committee commented that the application constituted overdevelopment and raised concerns about the loss of street scene.

[Post Meeting Note: Comments were submitted online through the Consultee comments facility].

21/2130/FUL - 70 Masefield Ave WD6 2HQ

Demolition of existing garage and construction of new detached 4 bed dwelling to include new crossover

Observation: At its meeting on 15 November 2021 the Environment and Planning Committee commented that the application constituted overdevelopment.

[Post Meeting Note: Comments were submitted online through the Consultee comments facility].

21/2157/HSE - 71 Stanborough Ave WD6 5LX

Erection of outbuilding (granny annexe) to rear

Observation: At its meeting on 15 November 2021 the Environment and Planning Committee commented that measures were required to ensure that the availability of access was sufficient for emergency vehicles to and from the annexe.

[Post Meeting Note: Comments were submitted online through the Consultee comments facility].

40. PLANNING DECISIONS

Details were received of decisions by the Borough Council relating to applications on which the Committee had submitted comments.

41. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was RESOLVED that:

at its meeting on 24 November 2021, Full Council be recommended to resolve as follows:

- (i) approval of Full Council's stated intention to submit to Hertsmere Borough Council an Area Designation Request (ADR) for a Neighbourhood Plan (whole of Elstree and Borehamwood boundary);**
- (ii) approval of Alison Eardley Consulting as Town Council's appointed consultants for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning (route map and Entertainments Committee Chairman's comments attached); and**
- (iii) approval of a "Launch Event" in 2022 to be held at Fairway Hall for a Neighbourhood Plan with the intention of appointing a Working Party (with the advice of consultants) at this time.**

42. LOCAL PLAN

The Chairman asked for the Committee's thanks to Cllr Mrs P Strack to be recorded in the Minutes for the detailed work she had undertaken in preparing the Town Council's draft response to the Local Plan consultation.

Major concerns were raised over proposed developments in close proximity to Cowley Hill and the ability of the town's infrastructure to cope with the scale of proposed development.

It was noted that Group Leaders would discuss the response prior to the Full Council meeting on 24 November 2021 with the aim of trying to reach a consensus on the nature of the version to be submitted before Hertsmere Borough Council's 6 December 2021 deadline. The relevant extracts of the Planning for Growth document would form part of the Council Agenda. The full version could be viewed at:

www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Local-Plan/New-Local-Plan/New-Local-Plan-Planning-for-Growth.aspx

43. PROJECT UPDATE

It was noted that Hertfordshire County Council Officers had agreed to attend future meetings of the Transport and Community Safety Forum (the next scheduled date being 30 March 2022).

It was noted that much progress was being made in possible items of devolved service/ownership of Highstreet infrastructure to the Town Council, including High Street planters and Bicycle racks/posts.

Other works included improvements outside All Saints Church and the children's play area outside the Iceland store on Shenley Road.

The Chairman asked for the Committee's thanks to Cllr R Butler to be recorded in the Minutes for the detailed work he had undertaken in progressing a variety of projects to improve the town centre in conjunction with Hertfordshire County Council Officers and Town Council staff.

44. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

It was noted that the next Environment and Planning Committee was scheduled to take place on 10 January 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Meeting Room, Town Council Offices.

Date:.....

CHAIRMAN.....