

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held in Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on Thursday 7th February 2008, starting at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: M Heywood (in the Chair)
R Butler, P Hedges, J Heywood and A Mitchell

In attendance: C A Lloyd, Clerk Designate

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Councillor H David who had another commitment. Councillor J Heywood substituted for Councillor H David.

2. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10th January 2008 were signed as a true record.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL

A total of 24 applications received from the Borough Council were examined, on 16 of which the Committee had no objections to make, subject to the views of neighbours. The Clerk was requested to make the following observations on the 8 remaining applications:

Reference: 07/2186

Location: Former Lyndhurst School site, Gateshead Road, Borehamwood

Proposal: Partly retrospective application for the relocation of bin stores and parking bays outside Sommerville Court and Downing Court. Relocation of 2 visitor parking bays from the rear of Sommerville Court to Alconbury Close.

Observation: The relocated bin stores are too near to cars and create road safety issues. The bins are not easily accessible. The relocated parking spaces are visually intrusive on the street scene.

Reference: 07/2194

Location: HNH Timber, Station Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1DF

Proposal: Erection of a three storey block of 12 two bedroom flats and single storey detached building comprising cycle and bin stores together with parking provision and landscaping.

Observation: There is insufficient provision for parking.

Reference: 07/2234

Location: 10 – 16 Arundel Drive, Borehamwood WD6 2NJ

Proposal: Demolition of 4 existing dwellings and erection of 10 four bed town houses, 12 flats (one and two bed), associated car parking, garaging and landscaping

Observation: The application constitutes overdevelopment of the site

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Reference: 07/2295
Location: Unit 1b, Borehamwood Shopping Park, Theobald Street, Borehamwood, WD6 4PR
Proposal: Variation of condition 17 of planning permission 9957/3: To allow deliveries between 7.00am and 11.00pm Monday to Saturday to the retail units; and at any time to food store number 3 on plan no.3647/D/62/D; and between 9.00am and 9.00pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays to Unit 1b.
Observation: Delivery times should be in keeping with other stores on the site and condition 17 should therefore not be varied.

Reference: 07/2335
Location: 95 Stratfield Road, Borehamwood, Herts. WD6 1UD
Proposal: Erection of new 2 storey 2 bedroom house including extension to existing property
Observation: The application constitutes over development of the site and is out of keeping with the street scene.

Reference: 07/2338
Location: 41 Furzehill Road, Borehamwood WD6 2DJ
Proposal: Part two storey, part first floor side extension following demolition of existing garage
Observation: The application constitutes over development of the site.

Reference: 08/0012
Location: 19 Woodlands Close, Borehamwood WD6 1SX
Proposal: Erection of a pair of 3 bedroom semi detached houses
Observation: The application constitutes over development of the site.

Reference: 08/0121
Location: Opus Court, 91 – 97 Shenley Road, Borehamwood
Proposal: Erection of 5 no. apartments at second floor level.
Observation: The application constitutes overdevelopment of the site and is out of keeping with the street scene.

5. DECISIONS

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

6. MELROSE AVENUE ALLOTMENT SITE – CLEARANCE OF UNUSED PLOTS

The Clerk reported on the views of existing allotment holders on the approach from Watford Youth Offending Team about the possibility of renting an allotment. Members noted the allotment holders' concerns but in view of the success of projects previously run by Watford Youth Offending Team considered that the Team should be given a chance to clear and use an allotment for one year. Members stressed the need for constant supervision of the Team on site and that Team members would not be able to have individual access to the site. It was also considered that the PCSO should be asked to visit the site occasionally as a good crime prevention method.

RESOLVED that one plot be provided free of charge subject to an undertaking to clear the other unused plots for one year

7. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date:.....

CHAIRMAN.....