

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held in Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on Thursday **6th March 2008**, starting at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: H David - Chairman
M Heywood, R Butler, P Hedges and A Mitchell

In attendance: C A Lloyd, Clerk Designate

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

Cllr David declared a personal interest in application TP/07/0026 – 77 Deacons Hill Road, Elstree and Cllr M Heywood declared a personal interest in application TP/08/0331 – 41 Berwick Road, Borehamwood.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7th February 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. The Clerk was requested to make the observations as detailed in Appendix A to these minutes.

5. DECISIONS

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

6. WOODCOCK HILL FARM, BARNET LANE, ELSTREE – VARIATION OF PLANNING CONDITION

The site had the benefit of planning permission granted in 2002 which permitted the composting of green waste and farm waste on a permanent basis. Subsequently an application was received to vary condition 8 of the planning permission to increase vehicle movements from 30 to 60 per day (30 in and 30 out) Monday to Friday and from 20 to 40 (20 in and 20 out) on Saturdays. This was granted on 10th November 2006.

Variation of Planning Condition 7 – Highways and Access, Number of Vehicle Movements of Approval 01/1020-06 (CM 540).

In December 2007 the County Council received an application for a variation of planning condition 7 such that “There shall be no more than 100 vehicle movements (50 in and 50) out depositing

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waste or removing compost at the site during any one working day (Monday to Friday). There shall be no more than 60 vehicle movements (30 in and 30 out) depositing waste or removing compost at the site during the hours of operation on Saturdays". This Council objected but the application was withdrawn in February 2008.

The applicant's suggested wording for the new condition was as follows

"There shall be no more than 100 vehicle movements (50 in and 50) out depositing waste or removing compost at the site during any one working day (Monday to Friday). There shall be no more than 60 vehicle movements (30 in and 30 out) depositing waste or removing compost at the site during the hours of operation on Saturdays".

The applicant has undertaken a traffic assessment as part of this application considering all vehicle movements associated with Barnet Lane (A411) and the subject site. They were also suggesting amendments to the entrance to the site and were in discussion with Herts. Highways.

Variation of Planning Condition 7 – Highways and Access, Gross Vehicle Weight of Approval 01/1020-06 (CM540)

The current planning permission limited the size of vehicles to a maximum gross weight of 7.5 tonnes. The applicant sought to permit five heavy goods vehicles to visit the site on any particular day in December 2007. This Council objected but the application was withdrawn in February 2008.

The applicant seeks to permit five heavy goods vehicles to visit the site on any particular day. The applicant agreed to enter into a routing agreement to ensure that all heavy goods movements were to and from the east of the site and Furzehill Road roundabout.

The Committee noted that the applicant was already in breach of the planning conditions, had failed to adequately address concerns raised on previous applications and **RESOLVED** to object to the proposals

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to take place at 7.30pm on 17th April 2008 at Fairway Hall.

8. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Date:.....

CHAIRMAN.....