

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - 28 JUNE 2023

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr David Beaman (Chair)	Cllr Julian Spence
Cllr Penny Rivers (Vice Chair)	Cllr Richard Steijger
Cllr Jane Austin	Cllr Phoebe Sullivan
Cllr Carole Cockburn	Cllr Graham White
Cllr Jacquie Keen	Cllr Michaela Wicks
Cllr Alan Morrison	Cllr John Ward
Cllr John Robini	

Apologies

Cllr Janet Crowe, Cllr Andrew Laughton, Cllr Heather McClean and Cllr Terry Weldon

Also Present

Councillor Maxine Gale and Councillor Steve Williams

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllr Janet Crowe, Cllr Andrew Laughton (substituted by Cllr Michaela Wicks), Cllr Heather McClean (substituted by Cllr John Ward) and Cllr Terry Weldon.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda item 2)

The Committee agreed to the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2023.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

Cllr Graham White declared a non pecuniary interest - as he is a member of the Surrey Wildlife Trust.

4 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4)

No questions received.

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Agenda item 5)

No questions were received.

6 ANY RELEVANT UPDATES TO GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE OR LEGISLATION SINCE THE LAST MEETING (Agenda item 6)

7 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION (Agenda item 7)

8 APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 8)

9 WA/2023/00357 - LAND REAR OF EDEN HOUSE PORTSMOUTH ROAD MILFORD GODALMING GU8 5DS (Agenda item 9)

Public Speaking

In accordance with the Council's public speaking scheme, the following made representations which were duly considered:

- Kevin Scott (Solve Planning) spoke in favour of the application.
- Cllr Maxine Gale spoke as Ward Councillor.

The Committee were in general agreement with the proposals set out in the report and could not find any valid planning grounds to reject this application.

12 Members voted in favour of the recommendation, 0 Members voted against. **The recommendation was carried.**

10 WA/2023/00190 NETHERWOOD COURT FILMER GROVE GODALMING GU7 3AF (Agenda item 10)

Public Speaking

In accordance with the Council's public speaking scheme, the following made representations which were duly considered:

- Shan Hallam spoke in objection of the application
- Annie Gray spoke in support of the application
- Cllr Steve Williams spoke as ward councillor

The case officer provided a verbal update to Condition 6, which will be amended to include the following:

“prior to the first occupation of the development, the 1.8 meter privacy screening shall be provided to the eastern and western sides of the balcony and the central partition screen between the units. The screening shall remain in perpetuity.”

Some Councillors raised concerns about over development and parking being below the limit for the proposed development. However it was noted that there had been no significant shift in policy since the previous application and it was noted that the Godalming Development Plan 2019 had been adopted shortly before the application was sent. The development therefore still complies with policy guidelines.

8 Members voted in favor of the recommendation, 4 Members voted against and there was 1 abstention. **The recommendation was carried.**

11 WA/2022/00967 - LAND AT WANBOROUGH LANE CRANLEIGH GU6 7DS
(Agenda item 11)

Public Speaking

In accordance with the Council's public speaking scheme, the following made representations which were duly considered:

- Jesse Chapman (DM Planning) spoke in support of the application.

Members were generally in agreement with the proposals set out in the report. They agreed that the proposed development was compliant with the Development Plan and were satisfied that protection of Oak trees was to be ensured as there were no objections from the tree/landscape officer.

13 Members voted in favor. **The recommendation was carried.**

12 WA/2022/02867 - CARIAD KNOLL ROAD GODALMING GU7 2EL (Agenda item 12)

Public Speaking

In accordance with the Council's public speaking scheme, the following made representations which were duly considered:

- Nora Price spoke in objection of the application
- Charlotte Edkins spoke in support of the application
- Cllr Williams spoke as Ward Councillor

Members expressed concerns about the size of the alterations and that the scales were less in the previous application. Members attended a site visit to the property earlier in the week. Concerns were raised around the impact on neighboring properties. Members recognized that development and renovation of the site was necessary as the property was unappealing and unsustainable as is. Some Members noted that the architectural designs were innovative and a good use of the space however there were concerns around the second floor and western elevation being slightly too large.

7 Members voted in favor of the recommendation and 5 Members voted against. **The recommendation was therefore carried.**

- 13 APPLICATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 13)
- 14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda item 14)
- 15 LEGAL ADVICE (Agenda item 15)

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.32 pm

Chairman