

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - 6 MARCH 2024

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

Present

Cllr David Beaman (Chair)	Cllr John Robini
Cllr Penny Rivers (Vice Chair)	Cllr Julian Spence
Cllr Jane Austin	Cllr Richard Steijger
Cllr Carole Cockburn	Cllr Phoebe Sullivan
Cllr Janet Crowe	Cllr John Ward
Cllr Jacquie Keen	Cllr Terry Weldon
Cllr Andrew Laughton	Cllr Graham White
Cllr Alan Morrison	

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda item 1)

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda item 2)

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 7 February 2024 were a complete and accurate record.

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

The Executive Head of Planning Development confirmed that there were no updates to Government Guidance or Legislation since the last meeting.

7 APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 7)

7.1 WA/2023/00087 - Land at Farnham Park Cemetery, Hale Road, Farnham (Agenda item 7.1)

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

- Mrs Catherine Powell – Objection
- Mr Robert Steele – Support
- Cllr Alan Earwicker – Farnham Town Council
- Cllr Tony Fairclough – Ward Councillor

The Committee raised concerns about the size and scale of the proposed building and its ancillary infrastructure i.e. parking and access, the way it sits in the landscape and the impact on the openness of the site and character of the area.

Following the debate, a motion was proposed by Cllr Carole Cockburn to **REFUSE** the application, delegating authority to the Executive Head of Planning Development to finalise the wording of the refusal. The motion was seconded by Cllr John Ward.

The Committee voted on the motion and it was carried with 11 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 1 abstention.

Decision

Motion proposed By Cllr Carole Cockburn and Seconded by Cllr John Ward to **REFUSE** the application delegating authority to the Executive Head of Planning Development to finalise the wording.

Reason for refusal:

“The proposed building due to its size and scale together with its ancillary infrastructure would affect the openness of the site impacting on the character of the area. The proposal would therefore be contrary to Policies FNP1,FNP10,FNP11,12 AND 30 of the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan and Policies SP1,SP2 and DM15 of the Local Plan.”

7.2 WA/2022/01529 - Land at Hindfield, The Avenue, Rowledge, Farnham, GU10 4BD (Agenda item 7.2)

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

- Mr Tom Nixon – Objection
- Mr Michael Connolly – Support

The Committee were minded to grant permission contingent upon removal of the proposed balcony, with delegated authority to the Executive Head to Planning to obtain a revised set of plans to have the balcony taken out and to then revise condition 2 to approve the revised plans without the balcony.

The Committee voted on the amended recommendation and it was Approved with 13 votes in favour and 1 abstention. Cllr John Ward excused himself from voting as the Ward Councillor.

Decision

That, delegated authority be granted to the Executive Head of Planning Development to grant planning permission subject to the amendment to condition 2 to accept an amended plan to remove the balcony proposed to 3, and subject to the amended condition and conditions and informatives included on the officer report, permission be **GRANTED**.

7.4 WA/2022/02194 - Hurst Farm, Chapel lane, Godalming (Agenda item 7.4)

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

- Cllr Maxine Gale – Ward Councillor

The Executive Head of Planning Development noted that there is a draft legal agreement in process and the expected timeline for completion is 8 weeks.

The Committee voted unanimously in favour of the Recommendation set out in the report. Cllr Pheobe Sullivan excused herself from the vote as Ward Councillor.

Decision

Delegated authority be granted to the Executive Head of Planning Development to **GRANT** planning permission subject to conditions (including minor amendments to recommended conditions) and the completion of a legal agreement, securing affordable housing, healthcare hub, off site pedestrian cycle way, sustainable transport provisions, open space, SUDS and playspace maintenance.

8 APPLICATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 8)

8.1 WA/2021/01837 - Land Centred Co-Ordinates 506215 140275, South of Amlets Lane, North of Russett Grove, Cranleigh (Agenda item 8.1)

The Committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation set out in the report, with 15 votes in favour.

Decision

That, subject to the applicant entering into an appropriate legal agreement to secure the provision of affordable housing, access to and maintenance of play space and public open space, and subject to conditions and informatives, that outline planning permission be **GRANTED**.

8.2 WA/2023/02717 - Land at Lammasbank, 26 Chalk Road, Godalming, GU7 3AP (Agenda item 8.2)

The Chair exercised his discretion to allow representations from the following;

- Mr Mark Leedale – Support
- Cllr Steve Williams – Ward Councillor

Following questions and debate, the Committee voted in favour of the Recommendation in the report, with 13 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

Decision

That subject to conditions, permission be **GRANTED**.

9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda item 9)

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10 LEGAL ADVICE (Agenda item 10)

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 8.16 pm

Chairman