

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS, at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 8 February 2023

Present: Councillor Trevor Poile (Chair)
Councillors Neville (Vice-Chair), Atwood, Bailey, Britcher-Allan, Bland, Fitzsimmons, Johnson, Le Page, Moon, Patterson, Pope and White

Officers in Attendance: Richard Hazelgrove (Development Management Team Leader), Abby Shillingford (Planning Officer), James Taylor (Planning Officer), Tracey Wagstaff (Senior Lawyer Mid Kent Legal Services) and Emer Moran (Democratic Services Officer)

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Pound

CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

PLA94/22 The Chairman opened the meeting, introduced Committee members and officers in attendance, and outlined procedural matters of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

PLA95/22 Apologies were received from Councillor Wakeman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PLA96/22 No declarations of interest were made.

DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL FOR MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE PLANNING PROCESS, PART 5, SECTION 5.11, PARAGRAPH 6.6)

PLA97/22 No declarations of lobbying were made.

SITE INSPECTIONS

PLA98/22 Members had not undertaken any site visits.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023

PLA99/22 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting dated Wednesday 18 January 2023 be recorded as a correct record.

The clerk noted that Councillor Hugo Pound, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning was in attendance at the Planning Committees dated:

- 1 September 2022
- 28 September 2022
- 19 October 2022
- 16 November 2022 and;
- 7 December 2022.

REPORTS OF HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES (ATTACHED)

PLA100/22

APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION - 22/03350/FULL 1 LITTLEWORTH COTTAGES, ETHERINGTON HILL, SPELDHURST, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

PLA101/22 **Planning Report and Presentation** – The Head of Planning Services submitted a report in respect of application PLA101/22 1 Littleworth Cottages, Etherington Hill, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent and this was summarised at the meeting by James Taylor Planning Officer and illustrated by means of a visual presentation.

Updates and additional representation – None.

Registered Speakers – There were no speakers that registered in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Planning Committee Procedure Rules)

Matters of clarification by Officers and Committee Members' questions to Officers included:

- i. The report was taken as read.

Committee Member debate and Officer clarification included:

- i. It was noted that the building was not significant enough to be Grade 2 listed, however it was of it's time and the porch door had rectangular windows and all the other fenestration on both cottages had got square windows.

Decision/voting – On the basis that members were satisfied that all relevant planning considerations had been covered within the report, a motion was proposed by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Bland and a vote was taken to approve the application in line with the officer recommendation.

RESOLVED – That application PLA101/22 be granted subject to the plans, conditions and informatives as set out in the agenda report.

APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION - 22/03621/LBC ASSEMBLY HALL THEATRE, CRESCENT ROAD, ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

PLA102/22 **Planning Report and Presentation** – The Head of Planning Services submitted a report in respect of application PLA102/22 Assembly Hall Theatre, Crescent Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent and this was summarised at the meeting by Abby Shillingford Planning Officer and illustrated by means of a visual presentation.

Updates and additional representation – None.

Registered Speakers – There were no speakers that registered in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Planning Committee Procedure Rules)

Matters of clarification by Officers and Committee Members' questions to Officers included:

- i. It was confirmed that the last line of paragraph 10.08 on page 26 of the report should read: A condition is added below to ensure that the Local Planning Authority is notified prior to the start of works as to which *option* the applicant intends to proceed with.
- ii. It was confirmed that Members were asked to approve the Officer recommendation which included both options. Condition 4 stated that the applicant had to come back with which option they intended to proceed with.

Committee Member debate and Officer clarification included:

- i. No matters of significance were discussed.

Decision/voting – On the basis that members were satisfied that all relevant planning considerations had been covered within the report, a motion was proposed by Councillor Britcher-Allan, seconded by Councillor Fitzsimmons and a vote was taken to approve the application in line with the officer recommendation.

RESOLVED – That application PLA102/22 be granted subject to the plans, conditions and informatives as set out in the agenda report.

APPEAL DECISIONS FOR NOTING 10 JANUARY 2023 TO 30 JANUARY 2023

PLA103/22 **RESOLVED** – That the list of appeal decisions provided for information, be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS

PLA104/22 There was no urgent business for consideration.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

PLA105/22 The next Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday 2 March 2023.

NOTE: The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified.