

## 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.