

Decisions of the Planning Committee

25 January 2017

Members Present:-

Councillor Wendy Prentice (Chairman)

Councillor Maureen Braun Councillor Agnes Slocombe
Councillor Claire Farrier Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Eva Greenspan Councillor Jim Tierney
Councillor Tim Roberts

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Melvin Cohen Councillor Mark Shooter
Councillor Stephen Sowerby

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies were received from the Chairman Councillor Melvyn Cohen, substituted by Councillor Prentice, Councillor Sowerby, substituted by Councillor Rozenberg and Councillor Shooter, substituted by Councillor Khatri.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following interests were declared:

| Councillor | Item(s) | Nature of interest | Detail |
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| Sury Khatri | Minute item 5 | Non-pecuniary | One of the Mayor's charities is Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, which he also supports as Deputy Mayor. |

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE - REDEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE 460 RESIDENTIAL UNITS , NEW B1 FLOORSFACE, GYM AND CAFE, LONDON, HILL, NW7 (MILL HILL WARD)

The Chairman announced that this application will not be considered this evening and is deferred to a future Planning Committee.

6. UNDERHILL STADIUM AND HOCKEY CLUB, BARNET LANE, BARNET, EN5 (UNDERHILL WARD)

Officers presented the officer report and referred to updates and amendments in the addendum report.

The Chairman invited public speakers, commencing with Robin Bishop, followed by Tim Leffermann, both speaking in opposition to the planning application. Underhill Ward Councillor Paul Roberts, also spoke against the application, as did Caroline Stock, Councillor for neighbouring Totteridge ward. The applicant's agent, Bob Robinson, also spoke.

Following questions, discussion and summing up, the Chairman asked for the vote to be taken.

Committee **RESOLVED** to refuse the application, overturning the officer's recommendation for approval, for the reasons given below.

Votes were as follows:

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| For (in favour of the officer recommendation) | 1 |
| Against | 8 |
| Abstain | 1 |

By virtue of the vote, the Chairman asked committee to outline reasons for refusal which were as follows:-

- 1) The proposed development, by virtue of the associated traffic impacts would result in an unacceptable stress on the surrounding vehicular roads to the detriment of the safe and efficient operation of the highway network contrary to London Plan (2016) Policies 6.1 and 6.13, Barnet Local Plan Policies CS9 (Core Strategy) and DM17 (Development Management Policies Document).

The proposed development, and its excessive scale, represents inappropriate development within the Green Belt which would cause substantial harm to the fundamental intention and purposes of including land in the Green Belt and the applicant has failed to demonstrate compelling very special circumstances that warrant an exception to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (paragraphs 88-90), Policy 7.16 (A) of the London Plan (2016) and Policy DM15 of the Barnet Development Management Policies Document.

There was majority agreement of the reasons for Refusal.

7. VICTORIA RECREATION GROUND, LAND WEST OF PARK ROAD EN4 - ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY LEISURE CENTRE (EAST BARNET)

Officers presented the planning report and addendum recommending approval of the planning application.

The Chairman invited public speakers. David Howard spoke first, followed by Nick Hufton, both speaking in support of the application. Nathan Swift, the applicant's agent also spoke.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the planning application.

The vote was unanimously in favour of the approval.

8. BARNET COPTHALL LEISURE CENTRE - ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY LEISURE CENTRE, LONDON NW7 (MILL HILL WARD)

Officers presented the planning report and addendum.

The Chairman invited public speakers, commencing with Mary O'Connor, speaking against the application. The applicant's agent Nathan Swift, also spoke.

Following questions and discussion, the Chairman called for the vote on the two recommendations.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve recommendation 1 in the officer report as per the officer recommendations.

Votes were as follows:

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| In favour | 5 |
| Against | 4 |
| Abstained | 1 |

It was **RESOLVED** that recommendation 2 was approved by virtue of approval of recommendation 1.

9. BARNET COPTHALL LEISURE CENTRE - DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN SPACES OPERATIONAL HUB, LONDON NW7 (MILL HILL WARD)

Officers presented the planning report and addendum.

The Chairman invited public speakers, commencing with Mary O'Connor, speaking against the application. The applicant's agent James Wills Fleming, also spoke.

Following questions and discussion, the Chairman called for the vote on the two recommendations.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the application as per the officer recommendations.

Votes were as follows:

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| In favour | 5 |
| Against | 4 |
| Abstained | 1 |

10. 101 BYNG ROAD BARNET EN5 (HIGH BARNET WARD)

Officers presented the planning and addendum reports.

The Chairman invited public speakers, commencing with Dick Elms who spoke in favour of the application. The applicant's agent Mr Ru Watkins also spoke.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the application as per the officer recommendation.

The vote was unanimously in favour of approval.

11. ANY ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 9.43 pm