

Decisions of the Planning Committee

2 September 2020

Members Present:-

Councillor Shimon Ryde (Chairman)
Councillor Melvin Cohen (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Jess Brayne	Councillor Mark Shooter
Councillor Claire Farrier	Councillor Stephen Sowerby
Councillor Eva Greenspan	Councillor Julian Teare
Councillor Nagus Narenthira	Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Tim Roberts	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Brian Gordon

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2020, be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Brian Gordon.

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

Councillor Julian Teare declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item 6, Land Formerly Known As British Gas Works, Albert Road, New Barnet, Barnet, EN4 9SH (East Barnet), in that he is a member of the Voluntary Customer Panel for One Housing Group, and noted that he is coming to the evening's debate with an open mind and has not made his judgement on the application.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. ADDENDUM (IF APPLICABLE)

Items contained within the addendum were dealt with under the individual agenda item.

6. LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS BRITISH GAS WORKS, ALBERT ROAD, NEW BARNET, BARNET, EN4 9SH (EAST BARNET)

The report and addendum were introduced and slides presented by the Planning Officer. Verbal representations were heard from Mr Nick Hufton, Mr John Dix, Ward Councillor Felix Byers, Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP and the Applicant's Agent, Mr Mark Jackson.

Members then had an opportunity to question the speakers and officers and discussed the application in length.

Having considered the report, the Chairman moved to VOTE on the Officer's recommendation for approval subject to legal agreement and conditions. The vote was recorded as follows:

For	0
Against	11
Abstention	0

The Committee voted unanimously AGAINST the Officer's recommendation for approval. The Chairman then moved a motion to DEFER the vote on the reasons for refusal, which had been outlined at the meeting, in order that he could prepare well-worded and detailed grounds for refusal in discussion with Planning Officers, to be agreed at the next meeting of the Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Greenspan. The vote was recorded as follows;

For (Deferral)	11
Against (Deferral)	0
Abstention	0

The Chairman agreed that the reasons would be circulated to Members of the Committee in advance of the meeting.

It was therefore RESOLVED; that the vote to refuse the application be DEFERRED to the next meeting of the Planning Committee to allow time for detailed reasons to be drawn up.

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

None.

The meeting finished at 20.51