

EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2010, COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILTSHIRE COUNCIL OFFICES, BROWFORT, DEVIZES.

Present:

Cllr Philip Brown, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Peggy Dow, Cllr Nick Fogg, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Chris Humphries, Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Reserve) and Cllr Christopher Williams

7. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Laura Mayes.

8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment at Minute number 3, page 1:

E/09/1558/FUL – Councillor Brown declared a personal interest in this item as he is acquainted with the owner of the neighbouring property which has a gateway onto the application site. The owner of this particular property is a member of Rowde Parish Council of which Councillor Brown is also a member, however this is not a prejudicial interest and he would participate in the debate and vote.

9. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

10. Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

11. Planning Appeals

The Members of the Committee noted the appeal decisions within the planning appeals determined report.

12. **E/09/1602/FUL - Blacksmiths Yard, Alton Priors, Wiltshire, SN8 4JX: Retention of a single storage container**

Public Participation:

- 1) One letter of representation in support of the application, from the NFU, was reported as a late item (see late items list attached).
- 2) Mr Tim Carson, tenant farmer and applicant, spoke in support of the application.
- 3) Mr David Carson spoke in support of the application.
- 4) Mrs Shirley Burrow spoke in support of the application.
- 5) Councillor Robert Hall, Unitary Member for the Pewsey Vale, spoke in support of the application.

Resolved:

1. That planning permission be REFUSED for the following reasons:

The steel storage container, by reason of its prominent siting and stark utilitarian appearance, detracts from the character and appearance of the area, neither preserving nor enhancing its status as a conservation area and area of outstanding natural beauty. The container also detracts from the setting of the adjacent historic listed farm buildings. This is contrary to policies PD1 and NR7 of the Kennet Local Plan 2011 and Central Government planning policy set out in PPS7 (Sustainable Development in Rural Areas) and PPG 15 (Planning and the Historic Environment).

2. That action on the outstanding enforcement notice be delayed for a year until February 2011 to allow Council Officers and the applicant time to seek a resolution of the matter.

13. **E/09/1483/FUL - Witcha House, Marridge Hill, Witcha, Ramsbury, Wiltshire, SN8 2HQ: Removal of gravel surfacing and creation of hardstanding using cellular grass reinforcement grid for the parking of vehicles in connection with field maintenance**

- 1) Councillor Chris Humphries, Unitary Member for Aldbourne and Ramsbury, spoke in support of the application.

Resolved:

That planning permission be GRANTED for the following reasons:

The decision to grant planning permission has been taken on the grounds that the proposed development would not cause any significant harm to interests of acknowledged importance and having regard to policies PD1 and NR7 of the Kennet Local Plan and to Central Government planning policy contained in PPS7.

Subject to the following conditions:

- 1 Within three months of the date of this permission, the present gravelled surface shall have been replaced with the cellular grass reinforcement grid specified in the application.

REASON:

In the interests of the scenic quality of the North Wessex Downs AONB.

- 2 The hardstanding hereby approved shall be used solely for the parking of vehicles required in connection with field maintenance, and between the hours of 08.00 and 18.00 Mondays to Fridays and 08.00 and 13.00 Saturdays only. There shall be no parking on Sundays or Bank Holidays. The hardstanding shall not be used for the parking of domestic vehicles associated with Witcha House.

REASON:

Unrestricted parking on this prominent site would be detrimental to the scenic quality of the North Wessex Downs AONB.

- 3 This decision relates to documents/plans submitted with the application, listed below. No variation from the approved documents should be made without the prior approval of this Council. Amendments may require the submission of a further application. Failure to comply with this advice may lead to enforcement action which may require alterations and/or demolition of any unauthorised buildings or structures and may also lead to prosecution.

Plans Ref. 1:2500 location plan, drawing no. 09-01-PA-001A and cellular grid system detail on Design & Access Statement, all received 10/11/09

14. **Urgent items**

There were none.

LATE ITEMS

Please see late items list attached.

(Duration of meeting: 6.00 - 6.50 pm)

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

POST REPORT REPRESENTATIONS

PLANNING SERVICES GROUP

DATE: 4th February 2010

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Agenda No. Application No.	Location	No Objection	Objection	To be reported	No comment
1. E/09/1602/FUL	Blacksmith Yard Alton Priors SN8 4JX		Letter of Representation 01.02.10	X	

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