

Minutes

Meeting of : City Area Planning Committee
Meeting held in : Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Thursday 8 February 2007
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

Present:

District Councillors:

Ms S C Mallory (Chairman)
Councillor J M Collier (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs P J Brown, K A Cardy, Mrs E A Chettleburgh, D A Culver, B E Dalton, Mrs I M Evans, S R Fear, S J Howarth, M J Osment, P V H Paisey, I R Tomes, Miss M A Tomlinson, J M Walsh, and Mrs S A Warrander.

Apologies: Councillor P W L Sample

465. Public Questions/Statement Time:
There were none.

466. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:
There were none.

467. Minutes:

Agreed: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2007 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

468. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor S R Fear declared that he had a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the matter set out under agenda item 7 (Draft Concept Statement: Highbury and Fisherton Manor School Sites) as he had previously been (but was no longer) a trustee of the amenity fund set up by Salisbury Foyer. Councillor Mrs E A Chettleburgh declared that she had a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the matter set out under agenda item 7 (Draft Concept Statement: Highbury and Fisherton Manor School Sites) as she was a County Councillor. They remained in the meeting, spoke and voted thereon.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



Councillors K A Cardy, P V H Paisey and Mrs S A Warrander declared prejudicial interests in the matter set out under agenda item 8 (S/2006/2523 – to fell two beech trees at 8 Ventry Close, Salisbury) in that they were acquaintances of the applicant, and left the meeting during consideration thereof.

469. Chairman's Announcements

The Committee observed a minute silence in memory of Mrs Catherine Walsh, who had passed away that week. Mrs Walsh was wife of Councillor Walsh, and a former Mayoress.

470. Draft Concept Statement: Highbury and Fisherton Manor School Sites:

The Committee received a report on the draft Concept Statement, prepared for the Highbury and Fisherton Manor School sites by consultants Terence O'Rourke, on behalf of Wiltshire County Council and in partnership with Salisbury District Council.

Angela Gray, on behalf of Busy Bees pre-school, addressed the Committee and made the following points:

- Busy Bees pre-school supported up to 70 families per year with childcare and was highly rated by Ofsted.
- The pre-school was currently located in the Youth and Community Centre on Wilton Road. This accommodation was unfit for purpose as there was no office, restricted access and limited storage space.
- Busy Bees welcomed the inclusion of a site for a nursery in the draft Concept Statement, but noted that they would need to raise £215,000 to purchase it.
- Although Busy Bees had applied for funding from various organisations, it was apparent that to attract major funders, it would need to have already secured some funding for the proposal. Busy Bees therefore requested that the contractors provide £100,000 for this purpose.

Resolved: to endorse the Concept Statement and the proposed changes to it (as set out in the report), along with the comments set out below, so that it can be taken forward for wider consultation towards adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

1. There was a need for pedestrian access between areas B and F of the Concept Plan.
2. The possibility of a drop-off/collection point on Highbury Avenue should be revisited.
3. The Concept Statement should not encourage housing of an excessively high scale and density.
4. The council should be encouraged to negotiate for planning gain for the nursery site.
5. Consideration should be given to the existence of a pair of semi-detached Victorian houses in area E of the Concept Plan.
6. Consideration should also be given to the provision of playground facilities in such a way as not to cause problems to local residents.

471. S/2006/2523 – To Fell Two Beech Trees at 8 Ventry Close, Salisbury:

Further to a site visit earlier that afternoon, the Committee considered the report of the Arboricultural Officer (previously circulated) in conjunction with a schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

Resolved: that the above application be refused.

Reason: No evidence was available to confirm that the trees were in a dangerous or diseased state. The trees should therefore be preserved in the interests of amenity.

*Meeting ended at 7.15 pm
Number of public present 8*