

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th January, 2024 at The Ceres Suite, Worksop Town Hall, S80 2AH

Present: Councillor N J Sanders (Chairman)

Councillors:

C Adams	J Bowker
H M Brand	D Challinor
G Dinsdale	S Fielding
G Freeman	F McFarland
G A N Oxby	D G Pidwell

Officers: B Alderton-Sambrook, S Bacon, C Hopkinson, L Thompson and E Wallace.

(The meeting opened at 6.30 pm.)

47 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

48 Declarations of Interest

48a Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

48b Officers

There were no declarations of interest by Officers.

49 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2023 be approved.

50 Minutes of Planning Consultation Group Meeting held on 11th December 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Consultation Group on 11th December 2023 be received.

51 Outstanding Minutes List

Resolved that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

Section A - Items for discussion in public

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

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52 Report(s) of the Head of Planning and Place

52a Public Interest Test

The Head of Planning and Place, determined that all items on the agenda are non-confidential.

Appeal Decision(s)

52b Appeal Decision: APP/A3010/W/23/3322527 - 34A Dukeries Crescent, Worksop S80 2QW

Members were presented with one appeal decision. The Head of Planning and Place gave a summary of the appeal.

Resolved that the appeal decision be received.

Planning Applications and Associated Items

52c Planning Application: 23/01141/COU - 55 Union Street, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 6PJ

Members were advised of an application seeking permission for change of use of first floor from B1c Use to C3a to create two apartments with new access on the ground floor.

The site was not subject to a site visit prior to the meeting. Members were welcome to visit the site in their spare time if they wished to do so.

The Head of Planning and Place presented the application. Members were presented with a location map, site plan layout and photographs for consideration.

Responses from statutory consultees were detailed in the report.

In accordance with the rules of procedure for public participation Lynn Hurst, spoke in objection to the application. Sally Brand spoke in support of the application as the applicant.

Members asked questions in relation to noise, parking and lack of amenity area. Member's questions and comments were addressed by the Head of Planning and Place.

In conclusion, the Chairman summarised the debate.

Recommendation of the Head of Planning and Place: Grant Subject to Conditions.

Committee Decision Resolved that: Grant Subject to Conditions.

Scheme of Determining Planning Applications

52d Scheme of Delegation Report

The report was presented to the previous meeting of the Committee where Members resolved to defer the report to a future meeting for further consideration.

The Head of Planning and Place delivered a summary of the report into the Scheme of Delegation for Determining Planning Applications for Members that were not present at Planning

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Members were advised that Bassetlaw District Council has received notification of the submission of three Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) to the Planning Inspectorate that will require Local Authority input in the role of host authority. NSIPs are considered by the Planning Inspectorate for ultimate decision by the Secretary of State. This is known as a Development Consent Order (DCO) process and sits outside the realms of the Town and Country Planning Act. The role of the Local Authority within the DCO process is set out within the Planning Act 2008. The report sets out the role of that the Local Authority will undertake in the DCO process and proposes a route for decision making process and officer delegation.

The Head of Planning and Place explained that during the DCO process and specifically the examination stage, there will be numerous deadlines for local authorities to submit further representations which will require a swift response. Members were advised Planning Inspectorate guidance for Local Authorities suggests that there will not be time within the process to seek Planning Committee approval for all required responses and representations.

Members were presented with the following two options;

1. Agree to the recommendation to delegate the representations of the Local Planning Authority to NSIPs to the Head of Planning and Place which will ensure the timely submission of representations by the Local Planning Authority.
2. Require documents such as the Statement of Common Ground, Local Impact Reports and Written Representations to be approved by Planning Committee prior to submission to the Planning Inspectorate, which may not meet the deadlines set by the Planning Inspectorate unless Extraordinary Planning Committees are to be scheduled.

Members reiterated their concerns over the extent to which Members and the general public would be involved and able to voice their opinions throughout the various stages.

Members deliberated over the two options presented and put forward other potential options for Officers to consider.

An elected Member proposed that:

“The Planning Committee agrees that for all NSIPs impacting Bassetlaw, the Committee receives a briefing paper and subsequently the Local Impact Report (LIR). The Committee would not vote on the application but, should it wish to, it could insert a section entitled The Committee’s Response to the LIR. The precise wording of this section would be agreed at a subsequent Planning Consultation Group (PCG).”

The proposal was seconded.

Resolved that The Planning Committee agrees that for all NSIPs impacting Bassetlaw, the Committee receives a briefing paper and subsequently the Local Impact Report (LIR). The Committee would not vote on the application but, should it wish to, it could insert a section entitled The Committee’s Response to the LIR. The precise wording of this section would be agreed at a subsequent Planning Consultation Group (PCG).

An elected Member proposed that all other documents, including post decision matters, be presented to Planning Consultation Group and circulated to all Committee Members. The proposal was seconded.

Resolved that all other documents (excluding the LIR), including post decision matters, be

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presented to Planning Consultation Group and circulated to all Committee Members.

An elected Member proposed that the approach be reviewed in 12 month's time. The proposal was seconded.

Further resolved that the agreed process for decision making in relation to NSIPs be reviewed in 12 month's time

Exempt Information Items

Section B - Items for discussion in private

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

53 Any other business which the Chair considers to be urgent

The Chairman informed Members of the Annual Planning Committee Member Training due to be held on 17th May 2024.

(Meeting closed at 8.49 pm.)