



East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 in Amersham Council Chamber, King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham HP6 5AW, commencing at 6.32 pm and concluding at 8.11 pm.

Members present

C Jones (Chairman), I Darby, M Fayyaz, M Flys (Vice-Chairman), G Harris, J MacBean, R Matthews, J Rush, L Walsh, J Waters and S Wilson

Agenda Item

1 Apologies for absence

None

2 Declarations of interest

Councillor I Darby: Application number PL/21/1281/FA – declared a personal and prejudicial interest. Councillor Darby stated that she would withdraw from the meeting for agenda item 5 and would take no part in the debate or voting on the application.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

4 PL/21/2584/VRC - Holmer Green Senior School, Parish Piece, Holmer Green, Buckinghamshire, HP15 6SP

Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission CC/0059/19 (Demolition of a single storey building; Erection of new two storey Teaching Block, Sports Hall and Changing Facilities; Single storey extension to create Music Practise Rooms; together with internal and external refurbishments and minor works to existing buildings, landscaping and associated new parking spaces (including access from Watchet Lane)) to allow for changes to parking and landscaping.

Members voted unanimously in favour of the motion that conditional permission be granted subject to the conditions and informative as per the officer's report .

It was proposed by Councillor J Waters and seconded by Councillor G Harris

Resolved: that the application be granted conditional permission in accordance with the officer recommendation.

5 PL/21/1281/FA - Gold Hill Baptist Church, Gold Hill East, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, SL9 9DG

Demolition of unlisted buildings in a conservation area including extensions to the rear and side of the church, two residential properties and outbuildings, conversion and alteration of the church to 6 flats, new side access ramp, erection of an apartment building comprising 6 flats, a terrace of 3 houses and 2 semi-detached mews houses, parking, access and landscaping.

Speaking as Ward Member: Councillor Carl Jackson

Speaking in objection: Mr George Cotterill

Speaking as the Agent: Mr Rob Clarke

Members voted in favour of the motion to refuse the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed redevelopment of the southern corner of the site, replacing landscaping and mature trees with built form, would change the street scene and would result in a harder edge that would adversely affect the character of the area and the views into and out of the conservation area.
2. The proximity of the proposed apartment building to neighbouring properties given its height and the topography of the site, would result in it appearing visually intrusive and overbearing, thus harming their amenities.
1. The shortfall of parking from the Council's Parking Standards would result in an increase of on-street parking and inconvenience to other road users.
3. The lack of amenity space serving the apartments within the site for future occupiers of the development would result in a poor living environment.

It was proposed by Councillor J MacBean, seconded by Councillor J Rush.

Resolved: that the application be refused for the reasons set out above.

Cllr Darby, having declared an interest in this Item left the room for the duration of the consideration of this application and took no part in the debate or voting.

6 PL/21/2289/FA - Amersham School, Stanley Hill, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 9HH

Erection of 2 canopies and access ladder to the roof of Block N.

Members voted unanimously in favour of the motion that conditional permission be granted, subject to the conditions as per the officer's report.

It was proposed by Councillor G Harris and seconded by Councillor I Darby.

Resolved: that the application be granted conditional permission in accordance with the officer recommendation.

7 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 6.30pm.

8 Availability of members attending site visits (if required)

That in the event that it was necessary to arrange site visits on Monday 13 December 2021 in respect of the agenda for the meeting on Tuesday 14 December 2021, that all Members be invited to attend.