



Buckinghamshire Council

Strategic Sites Committee

Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC SITES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023 IN THE OCULUS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL, GATEHOUSE ROAD, AYLESBURY HP19 8FF, COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 4.55 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

A Bond, P Cooper, T Egleton, P Fealey, S Lewin, N Marshall, M Rand, A Turner (Chairman), J Waters (Vice-Chairman) and A Wheelhouse

Agenda Item

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Newcombe and J Ng.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor N Marshall declared a personal interest as a Member of Marlow Town Council, a number of Marlow Town Councillors had previously held a meeting where application 22/06443/FULEA was discussed, however Councillor Marshall confirmed that he had not attended nor taken part in any aspect of this meeting.

3 22/06443/FULEA - LAND ADJACENT SOUTH SIDE MARLOW ROAD AND A404 JUNCTION, WESTHORPE PARK, LITTLE MARLOW

Proposal: Full planning permission for production space and supporting buildings for screen-based media and associated services/industries. The development of approximately 168,718 sqm GEA total floorspace comprising : sound stages, workshops , office accommodation, studio hub associated outdoor space such as backlots and unit bases; entrance structures and reception; security infrastructure, mobility hub; cafes; parking; bridge; incidental supporting buildings; associated infrastructure; public art; upgraded vehicular access onto Marlow Road; new cycle and pedestrian accesses; a new cultural/educational/recreational building; a new community building and associated landscaping, publicly accessible recreational land and ecological and environmental enhancements/habitat creation.

A site visit was carried out on 18 October 2023.

Speaking as local ward member, Councillor David Johncock.

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Speaking as a Buckinghamshire Councillor, Councillor Stuart Wilson.

Speaking as a Buckinghamshire Councillor, Councillor Alex Collingwood.

Speaking as a Buckinghamshire Councillor, Councillor Carol Heap.

Speaking on behalf of Little Marlow Parish Council, Councillor Sam Kershaw.

Speaking on behalf of Cookham Parish Council, Councillor Harriet Fleming.

A statement was read out on behalf of Joy Morrissey MP, by Leslie Ashton, Principal Committee and Governance Services Officer.

Speaking on behalf of the objectors, Richard Sherwin.

Speaking as a supporters, Samantha Waite, Kirsty Dunn and Sarah Page.

Speaking on behalf of the applicant, Robert Laycock.

It was proposed by Councillor J Waters and seconded by Councillor A Wheelhouse to move that the application be refused for the reasons as set out in the officer report. This motion was **not agreed** at a vote.

Subsequently, it was proposed by Councillor P Fealey, seconded by Councillor N Marshall and **agreed** at a vote that it be

Resolved:

- i. That the application be deferred to enable officers to seek to resolve outstanding issues including highways and suitable alternative natural green space (SANG) mitigation, and;
- ii. That the application be considered again by the Committee within five months, or such extended period as agreed in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.