

PLANNING (ENFORCEMENT) COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN
THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY 2004

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs M H Baillie (Chairman), M J Hart (Vice-Chairman), L W Barton, P Dyke, Mrs J Fairbrother-Millis, P B Harrison, H J Martin, Miss M A Mason, C D Nicholls, Mrs F M Oborski, Ms K A Poller and S J Williams.

CM.489 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE .

There were no apologies for absence.

CM.490 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

No substitute members were appointed.

CM.491 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M J Hart declared a prejudicial interest in ENF.170/3341.

CM.492 PLANNING TRAINING

The Chairman reminded Members that Planning Training would be taking place on Monday 19th January 2004 at 6 pm in the Guild Hall, Bewdley.

CM.493 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

CM.494 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

The Committee received reports regarding the following existing Enforcement cases, brief details of which were now shown, together with any decisions reached:-

UNIT 186, KINGSFORD CARAVAN PARK, WOLVERLEY

Further to Minute CM.354 of its 13th November 2003 meeting, the committee was reminded of the planning history of this site that falls within the Green Belt, an Area of Great Landscape Value and a Landscape Protection area.

The committee was advised of the latest position regarding the site. It was noted that the Appeal against the Enforcement Notice had been

dismissed and a fresh planning application to retain the conservatory had been submitted but had been refused by the Planning (Development Control) Committee on 16th April 2003. Members were informed that the applicant had appealed against the refusal and the Appeal would be heard at a Public Hearing on the 17th February 2004.

DECISION: Await the outcome of the Appeal.

ENF.170/3337 Change of use of land from scrap yard to residential caravan site on land at rear of 'Sai Wen', Lower Heath, Stourport on Severn

Further to Minute CM.334 of its 13th November 2003 meeting, the Committee was advised of the latest position regarding the breach of planning control on this site. The site was bordered to the north by the residential property Sai Wen, in the same ownership, to the west by a residential caravan site with planning permission and a site licence, also in the same ownership, and to the south and east by industrial premises, part of the Sandy Lane Industrial Estate.

Officers advised that the whole of this area was shown in the Adopted ` Wyre Forest District Local Plan as land allocated to industrial B1, B2 and B8 uses. They explained that the land had been used for many years as a scrap yard by the owner, but about four years ago, the land had been cleared and, since then, seven caravans had been stationed on it. As authorised by this Committee, an Enforcement Notice had been issued on 9th May 2003, but the owner had appealed against it.

The Committee heard that an Appeal had been heard at a Public Inquiry on 7th October 2003 and was dismissed. Compliance with the Enforcement Notice was required by 4th March 2004 when all caravans capable of a residential use should be removed.

DECISION:

The site be monitored to ensure compliance with the Enforcement Notice and a report brought back to the next meeting if further enforcement action is required.

CM.495

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

DECISION: Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 13 and 15 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The following proceedings were considered after the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. The Summary of the Minutes relating to these items has been recorded below as “Exempt Information” and would be disclosed if the Minutes were published in full:-

(i) Minutes

The Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2003 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

(ii) Planning Enforcement Matters

The Committee considered reports relating to a number of existing enforcement matters.

(iii) Information Matters

The Committee considered brief particulars of new complaints lodged since the last meeting of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 6.32 pm.,