

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

THE EARL BALDWIN SUITE, DUKE HOUSE, CLENSMORE STREET,
KIDDERMINSTER

13TH JULY 2010 (6.00PM)

Present:

Councillors: S J Williams (Chairman), D R Godwin (Vice-Chairman), N Gale, I Hardiman, P B Harrison, C D Nicholls, F M Oborski, J W Parish, M Price, M A Salter, K J Stokes, and G C Yarranton.

Observers: There were no members present as observers.

PL.24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: J-P Champion, and M J Hart.

PL.25 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor N Gale was appointed as a substitute for Councillor J-P Champion.
Councillor I Hardiman was appointed as a substitute for Councillor M J Hart.

PL.26 Declaration of Interests

Councillor F M Oborski declared in respect of application 10/0274/FULL that she had discussed the matter with the objector but came to the meeting with an open mind.

The Principal Solicitor declared a prejudicial interest in application 10/0330 FULL, as the applicant was a friend and colleague.

PL.27 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PL.28 Applications To Be Determined

The Committee considered those applications for determination (now incorporated in Development Control Schedule No.475 attached).

Decision: The applications now submitted be determined, in accordance with the decisions set out in Development Control Schedule No.475 attached, subject to incorporation of any further conditions or reasons (or variations) thought to be necessary to give full effect to the Authority's wishes about any particular application.

PL.29 Applications Pending Decision

The Committee received a schedule of planning and related applications that were pending decision.

Decision: The schedule be noted.

PL.30 Planning and Related Appeals

The Committee received details of the position with regard to planning and related appeals, still being processed, together with particulars of appeals that had been determined since the date of the last meeting.

Decision: The details be noted.

PL.31 Monthly Progress Report on performance against NI157 (BV109) targets for determining planning applications

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that provided a monthly progress report on performance against National Indicators (NI 157, formerly BV109).

Decision: The report be noted.

PL.32 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Decision: That 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in paragraph 3 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PL.33 Enforcement Report

The Principal Development Control Officer informed Members of an enforcement case regarding a site in Bewdley.

Members were advised that the case regarded a fence which had been erected around a construction site. Due to its height and positioning the fence was not a permitted development under Schedule 2 part 2 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (GPDO), as amended.

Members were informed that a compliance period for the reduction in height of the fence could be enforced, which would allow for the improved site security provided by the fence to remain in place for a reasonable amount of time for completion of the construction works.

Members were advised that Officers considered a reasonable compliance period would be to allow the fence to remain until the end of September and if it was not removed by then, enforcement action should be taken to require its removal by 1st November.

Decision: That the Director of Legal and Corporate Services receive delegated authority to serve or withhold an Enforcement Notice to reduce the height of the existing fence to 1 metre or less from natural ground level by 1st November 2010.

The meeting ended at 19:02.