

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Planning Committee

Monday, 22 July 2019 at 7.30 pm

Councillors Present:

S Malik (Chair)

A Belben, J Hart, I T Irvine, K L Jaggard, J Purdy, P C Smith and G Thomas

Officers Present:

Valerie Cheesman	Principal Planning Officer
Heather Girling	Democratic Services Officer
Louise Mathie	Senior Lawyer & Deputy Monitoring Officer, Adur & Worthing Councils
Jean McPherson	Group Manager (Development Management)
Clem Smith	Head of Economy and Planning

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor T McAleney and F Guidera

Absent:

Councillor L M Ascough

1. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures of interests were made.

2. Lobbying Declarations

No lobbying declarations were made.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4 June 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Planning Application CR/2019/0153/FUL - Evergreens Hostel, High Street, Crawley

The Committee considered report PES/322(a) of the Head of Economy and Planning which proposed as follows:

Proposed demolition of existing single garage building and attached store structure and replacement of resultant hardstand area with porous tarmac for surface parking bays

Councillors A Belben, Jaggard, Purdy and P Smith declared they had visited the site.

The Principal Planning Officer provided a verbal summation of the application. It was confirmed that the garage and store had limited visibility outside the site and its loss did not raise design concerns or significantly impact upon the High Street conservation area.

The Committee then considered the application. In response to concerns and issues raised, the Principal Planning Officer:

- Confirmed that currently access was via the High Street, and the gates adjacent to Cross Keys were historic. There was no through route proposed across the site.
- Explained that there were arboricultural reasons for the loss of the lime tree, and whilst this was unfortunate the replacement of both this and the holly tree had been secured by condition and the Arboricultural Officer was satisfied with the proposed relocation site.

The Committee voted unanimously to permit the application.

RESOLVED

Permit subject to conditions set out in report PES/322(a).

5. Planning Application CR2019/0286/TPO - Tree Adjacent to 2 Tintern Road, Gossops Green, Crawley

The Principal Planning Officer introduced report PES/322(b) of the Head of Economy and Planning, which sought to consent to undertake works upon an Oak Tree protected by a Woodland Tree Preservation Order – Oak T1 Cut Back Branches Growing Towards Roofline by up to 2 Metres.

It was noted that the Applicant should read 'Crawley Borough Council'.

The Committee then considered the TPO as proposed. In response to an issue raised further information and clarity was provided on the council's programme of tree works. The inclusion of 'estimated remaining contribution' within the report was welcomed as this further highlighted the tree's amenity value.

The Committee was in support of the application and voted unanimously to grant consent.

RESOLVED

Consent, subject to conditions set out in report PES/322(b).

6. Planning Application CR/2019/0415/TPO - Land to Rear of 35 & 35a Westfield Road, West Green, Crawley

The Principal Planning Officer introduced report PES/322(d) of the Head of Economy and Planning, which sought consent to Remove Smaller Suppressed Stem on Eastern Side of an Oak Tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

The Committee then considered the TPO as proposed. The report was welcomed together with the clear photographs contained within.

Committee members spoke in favour of the application and voted unanimously to grant consent.

RESOLVED

Delegate to the Head of Economy and Planning to grant **Consent**, following the expiry of the consultation period (site notice) on 25th July 2019 and subject to the conditions set out in report PES/322(d).

7. Section 106 Monies - Q3&4 2018/19

The Committee considered report PES/317 of the Head of Economy and Planning.

The report summarised all the Section 106 (S106) monies received, spent and committed to project schemes in Quarters 3 and 4 of the financial year 2018/19.

Committee members acknowledged that the report was important as it included the monies paid by developers in accordance with their obligations and was helpful for accountability. It was requested that some of the abbreviations used and some of the limited details were more fully explained in future reports.

RESOLVED

That the update on S106 monies received, spent and committed in Quarters 3 and 4 of the financial year 2018/19 be noted.

Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Planning Committee concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

S MALIK
Chair