

## PLANNING COMMITTEE 11 NOVEMBER 2014

### OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF AGENDA

#### **Item 8      W/14/1138      St Nicholas Park, Warwick**

##### Further comments

**Public Response:** Further objections have been received surrounding the location of the Boat Park and Yard, the types of fencing proposed; the removal of the skateboard park; flood risk; removal of trees; parking; impact on the Conservation Area.

A petition containing 46 Signatures have been received against the planning application for the following reason:-

"The undersigned object to the above (planning application) on the grounds that two new buildings is excessive development on St Nicholas Park and, more specifically, the boat compound being moved from Myton Fields to the footprint of the current Scout Hut by Charter Bridge. We are appalled at the prospect of this eyesore with its ugly security fencing being sited immediately in front of the Emscote Gardens Housing and the loss of some of the trees in the copse. We object to the historic setting of our park being blighted and fear that historic parking problems in our narrow road will escalate".

'Friends of St Nicholas Park' object on the following grounds – Do not understand the need for the boathouse and boat compound; Loss of Skate Park, even if only temporary; Although the proposed building is considered to be flood compatible the upper storey will be used by children for changing and showering. Where is the evacuation route? There should be a condition to prevent overnight sleeping; The ugly boatyard will be clearly visible; The proposed security fencing will detract from the attractiveness of the park and conservation area; Loss of copse; Increased parking and congestion in Pickard Street will be inevitable; The Park is on the list of historic parks, is Grade 1 listed and is in a Conservation Area. The Council has a policy to preserve and enhance the park; The conservation area deserves better and we need more appropriate material for an historic park, i.e. brick-built elevations; The 'shed' at the riverside has masses of roof lights and there will be increased light pollution in the park.

**CAF:** Commented on the timing of development stating that the new HQ building should be built first. Consideration should be given to the proposed extensions to the Leisure Centre first before permission is granted. The proposed materials were

not in keeping with the conservation area. Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed boat yard and the type of security fencing that will be used.

**Warwickshire Garden Trust:** Raised concerns regarding the intrusive impact on the open quality of the park from the proposed boat house and fenced compound. Consideration should also be given to whether steel containers will continue to be needed and what the impact of them would be.

**Item 12    W/14/1263            Folly Barn, Kites Nest Lane, Beausale**

This application has been withdrawn from the agenda.

**Item 13    W/14/1198            2 Gerrard Street, Warwick**

**CAF:** Commented on the size of the building in relation to the adjacent listed building. Concerns were expressed at the loss the original wall at the front; issues surrounding the garage with the openings at ground floor and feel that the proposal does not offer a positive contribution to the Conservation Area.

**Item 14    W/14/1453            134 Warwick Road, Kenilworth**

**Public Response:** 3 further letters of objection and a 118 signature petition have been received which object to the application on similar grounds which have been included in the Committee Report, together with an objection regarding the extension constituting over development and the opening hours not being appropriate within a residential setting.

**Highway Authority:** No objection, subject to conditions restricting it to the proposed use, widening of the access, and no gates/ barriers to be hung at the access.