

Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2023 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor Boad (Chairman); Councillors Collins, Cron, R Dickson, Falp, B Gifford, Luckhurst, Noonan, Sullivan, Tangri and Williams.

Also Present: Principal Planning Officer - Dan Charles, Head of Governance & Monitoring Officer – Graham Leach; Legal Advisor – Sue Mullins; and Business Manager – Rob Young.

71. **Apologies and Substitutes**

- (a) Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phillips; and
- (b) Councillor Falp substituted for Councillor Margrave and Councillor Collins substituted for Councillor Sinnott.

72. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

73. **Public and Press**

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

74. **W/22/1877 – Land at Warwickshire Police HQ, Woodcote Lane, Leek Wootton**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Governance & Monitoring Officer which explained that, following the decision of the Committee on 12 September 2023, the Council had received advice from a barrister at Number 5 Chambers regarding its decision on this application. This report was provided to the Committee so that it could receive that advice and respond as appropriate.

In reviewing the report from the Monitoring Officer, the advice contained within it and the previous decisions of the Committee on this matter it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved that

- (1) the content of the report, be noted;
- (2) the Committee confirms its objection to the

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application “on the grounds of non-compliance with planning policy and harm to the setting of the Grade II Listed Building and locally listed park. There are no public benefits to outweigh this harm and therefore the proposals are contrary to Local Plan Policy HE1 and the NPPF. In any event, the proposals would conflict with Local Plan Policy DS22, which imposes a stricter test for development proposals on this particular site. For example criteria (a) to (c) require proposals to protect and enhance the historic assets and their setting and to contribute positively to the landscape character”;

- (3) the decision of the Committee, from June 2023, that if required as part of the appeal process “the finalisation of a Section 106 agreement be delegated to the Head of Place, Arts and Economy in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee”, be noted; and
- (4) Councillor Williams be appointed to represent the Committee’s views at the public enquiry.

(The meeting ended at 7.40pm)

CHAIRMAN
16 January 2024