CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON C O U N C I L

Planning Committee

Minutes - 18 January 2022

Attendance

Councillors

Cllr Keith Inston (Chair)

Cllr Anwen Muston (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Olivia Birch

Cllr Alan Butt

Cllr Celia Hibbert

Cllr Rashpal Kaur (Virtual)

Cllr Phil Page

Cllr Jonathan Yardley (Virtual)

Cllr Wendy Thompson

Cllr Andrew Randle

Employees

Stephen Alexander Head of City Planning

Tracey Homfray Planning Officer

Tim Philpot Professional Lead - Transport Strategy

James Dunn Tree Officer
Jobe Elwell Planning Officer
Martyn Gregory Section Leader

Donna Cope Democratic Services Officer
Jaswinder Kaur Democratic Services Manager

Stuart Evans Solicitor

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Asha Mattu and Councillor Jas Dehar.

2 Declarations of interest

The following non-pecuniary interests were declared:

- Councillor Phil Page in respect of agenda item 7.
- Councillor Olivia Birch in respect of agenda item 7.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 21/01335/FUL - 473 Wood End Road, Wolverhampton, WV11 1YE

The Committee considered a report regarding 21/01335/FUL – Proposed porch, garage, utility, shower room and kitchen extension.

Councillor Steve Evans, addressed the Committee and spoke in opposition to the application.

Tracey Homfray, Planning Officer, responded to the statements made, confirming that neighbouring amenities had been thoroughly assessed and the proposals were acceptable.

Councillor Page moved the recommendations and Councillor Thompson seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

That the planning application 21/01335/FUL be granted subject to the following conditions:

- Matching materials
- Sound proofing

6 21/01334/FUL - 9 Wrekin Drive, Wolverhampton, WV6 8UJ

The Committee considered a report regarding 21/01334/FUL – Proposed replacement dwelling.

Tracey Homfray, Planning Officer, reported that since the agenda had been published, a further objection had been received.

Mr Mark Hayward addressed the Committee and spoke in opposition to the application.

Tracey Homfray, Planning Officer, responded to the statements made and explained that the proposals were acceptable.

Councillor Page moved that the application be granted subject to additional conditions in relation to matching materials and noise nuisance mitigation. Councillor Muston seconded the recommendation.

Members of the Committee raised further concerns regarding parking, ecology and overdevelopment, however most Members felt that the proposals were acceptable.

Resolved:

That the planning application 21/01334/FUL be granted subject to the following conditions:

- Levels
- Matching materials
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Ecology
- Electric Charging point
- Sustainable drainage
- Construction Method Statement
- Hours of Operation during construction
- Parking as proposed
- Restriction on development removal of permitted development for extensions
- Boundary treatment to mitigate noise

7 21/01114/FUL - 25 Oaklands Green, Wolverhampton, WV14 6DW

Having declared an interest, Councillors Page and Birch left the meeting room whilst the application was considered.

The Committee considered a report regarding 21/01114/FUL - Two Storey and Single storey side/rear extension.

Members of the Committee had concerns regarding the application and felt that the proposals were unacceptable.

Councillor Inston recommended that the application be refused. Councillor Thompson seconded the recommendation.

Resolved:

That planning application 21/01114/FUL be refused for the following reasons:

- Car parking issues.
- · Massing of development.
- Negative effect on neighbours.

Councillors Page and Birch returned to the meeting.

8 21/00402/FUL - Former Quality Hotel Site, 126 Penn Road (including 42 Oaklands Road And Business Centre), Wolverhampton, WV3 0ER

Planning application 21/00402/FUL had been withdrawn from Planning Committee so therefore was not considered.

9 21/00008/TPO - Woodthorne Road South, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton

The Committee considered a report regarding 21/00008/TPO - Confirmation Report for The Wolverhampton City Council (Woodthorne Road South No. 2) Tree Preservation Order 2021.

Mr Kraushar addressed the Committee and spoke in opposition to the application.

James Dunn, Tree Officer, responded to statements made and advised that maintenance work on the tree would not be prevented by a Tree Preservation Order.

Members of the Committee debated the report and Councillor Page recommended that the application be deferred allowing the local authority to inspect the tree and carry out the necessary maintenance work.

Members of the Committee supported Councillor Page's proposal, and Councillor Hibbert seconded the recommendation.

Resolved:

That the confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 21/00008/TPO be deferred.

10 21/01466/FUL - 14 Abingdon Close, Wolverhampton, WV1 2PR

The Committee considered a report regarding 21/01466/FUL - Proposed conversion of existing dwelling house into 2 self-contained flats and bricking up of ground floor hallway window.

Jobe Elwell, Planning Officer, reported that following the site visit earlier that day, he proposed that one fully dropped kerb and additional taper kerb were dropped in order to extend the width of the existing kerb. This would help with access and could be secured by condition.

Mr Lee Cooper addressed the Committee and spoke in opposition to the application.

Jobe Elwell, Planning Officer, responded to the statements made and explained that the proposals were acceptable. Tim Philpot, Professional Lead - Transport Strategy, elaborated on the proposed parking provisions and advised that they were sufficient.

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The report was debated by Committee, and the Planning Officer responded to questions asked.

Members of the Committee had concerns regarding parking and an obstructing tree, but most Members felt that the proposals were acceptable, and the tree should be maintained.

Councillor Page moved the recommendations within the report and Councillor Inston seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

That the planning application 21/01466/FUL be granted subject to the following conditions:

- 3-year timescale condition
- Permission in accordance with approved plans and documents only
- Matching materials condition
- No additional windows or doors to be included
- · Obscure glazing to ground floor front bathroom window
- Acoustic mitigation measures to be implemented in accordance with approved drawing
- Provision of EV charging port in accordance with approved drawing
- Driveway to be retained for residential parking for at least 3 domestic vehicles
- Bins to be brought out for collection but otherwise stored in respective rear gardens
- Maintenance of the tree by the local authority to a suitable standard.