CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Planning Committee

Minutes - 16 January 2024

Attendance

Councillors

Cllr Paul Sweet (Chair)

Cllr Gillian Wildman (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Alan Butt

Cllr Celia Hibbert

Cllr Paul Brookfield

Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman

Cllr Tersaim Singh

Cllr Wendy Thompson

Cllr Bob Maddox

Cllr Simon Bennett

Employees

Donna Cope Democratic Services Officer

Stephen Alexander Head of City Planning

Chris Simmons Solicitor Stuart Evans Solicitor

Gerwyn Owen Professional Lead - Transport Strategy

Vijay Kaul Section Leader Kirsty Hodson Planning Officer

Phillip Walker Senior Planning Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rita Potter and Councillor Jasbinder Dehar

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 November 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 23/00755/FUL - 20 Church Hill Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 9AT

The Committee considered a report regarding 23/00755/FUL - Rear single storey extension. Side single storey garage extension and loft conversion including rear dormers.

Kirsty Hodson, Planning Officer, outlined the report.

David Simpson addressed the Committee and spoke in opposition to the application.

Emma Cochrane addressed the Committee and spoke in support of the application.

The Planning Officer responded to comments made and noted that The Party Wall Act was a civil matter and therefore not a consideration for the Planning Committee.

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

Councillor Alan Butt moved the recommendations within the report. Councillor Gillian Wildman seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

That planning application 23/00755/FUL be granted subject to the following conditions:

- Development in accordance with the approved plans
- · Details of materials
- Window details
- Restrict first floor side window.

6 23/01228/FUL - Task Consumer Products Ltd including the former Fablink site and land at rear, Citygate Park, Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7FG

The Committee considered a report regarding 23/01228/FUL – Extension to existing production/warehouse facility and erection of new warehouse facility (Use Class B2General Industrial / B8 Storage or Distribution) with ancillary offices (Class E (g)(i)); formation of new access, car parking, landscaping and all ancillary works.

Phillip Walker, Senior Planning Officer, outlined the report and noted that since the report had been published, the recommendation at Paragraph 11.1(i) had been

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amended to allow for a part of the s106 contribution to be spent at Northycote Farm and Country Park.

Jo Russell addressed the Committee and spoke in support of the application.

The report was debated by Committee, and members welcomed the proposed development.

The Senior Planning Officer responded to questions asked and confirmed that the Canal and River Trusts were now happy with the proposals as their concerns had been addressed.

Councillor Paul Sweet moved the recommendations as per the amendment to Paragraph 11.1(i). Councillor Simon Bennett seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

That delegated authority be granted for application 23/01228/FUL subject to:

- A Planning obligation to secure: Compensatory payment of £200,000 for the loss of part of the SLINC, to be spent on improvements to Pendeford Mill Nature Reserve and Northycote Farm and Country Park.
- ii. Amended details to resolve the drainage objection;
- iii. Any necessary conditions to include:
 - Phasing
 - Demolition and Construction
 - External lighting specification
 - Landscaping and tree protection measures
 - Boundary treatments
 - External storage
 - External materials
 - Targeted recruitment and training
 - Levels
 - Drainage
 - Piling
 - Parking to be provided and retained as shown
 - Electric vehicle charging points
 - Gatehouse proposals to be implemented as shown on submitted details
 - Cycle and motorcycle parking to be implemented as shown on submitted details
 - Bin stores to be implemented as shown on submitted details
 - Car parking management plan to be submitted and approved
 - 10% renewable energy provision in accordance with submitted energy report
 - Ecology mitigation as detailed in submitted ecology appraisal
 - Full details of (including noise emissions and external appearance) of any external plant and equipment or plant openings within the new buildings be

designed and installed to achieve the noise limit criteria as required by the submitted noise report

- Site investigation and implementation of any necessary remediation works and submission of validation reports
- Implementation of Travel Plan

23/01137/FUL - Moseley Park School, Holland Road, Wolverhampton, WV14 6LU

The Committee considered a report regarding 23/01137/FUL – Proposed demolition of existing sports hall building and erection of new sports centre, hard surfaced sports courts and car park extension.

Phillip Walker, Senior Planning Officer, outlined the report and noted that since the report had been published, a further comment had been received from a neighbouring property regarding security.

The report was debated by Committee, and members welcomed the proposals.

In response to questions asked, the Senior Planning Officer confirmed the following:

- Community use of the facilities would be managed by planning conditions.
- The school had confirmed that they would contact neighbours who had concerns regarding invasive plants to discuss possible further remedial works.

Councillor Alan Butt moved the recommendations within the report. Councillor Celia Hibbert seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

That delegated authority be granted for application 23/01137/FUL subject to:

- Demolition and construction plan
- Coal Mining and Contamination mitigation and remediation (including gas protection)
- Drainage
- Detailed specification for ball courts including perimeter fencing
- The proposed replacement sports courts to be provided and available for use prior to the first use or occupation of the sports centre
- Community use agreement to include hours of use, access by noneducational establishment users, management responsibilities and a mechanism for review
- Tree protection measures
- Existing and proposed levels details to be agreed
- Boundary treatments
- External materials
- Implementation of landscaping
- Provision and retention of car parking
- No external lighting including floodlighting without prior approval of the local planning authority
- Provision of three electric vehicle charging points

- Ecology
- Hours of Community use; Term Time Use, Mondays to Fridays 1800 2130, Saturdays – 0830 – 2100 and Sundays – 0900 – 1600. Non-Term Time: Mondays to Fridays – 0830 – 2130, Saturdays – 0830 – 2100 and Sundays – 0900 – 1600

8 23/00608/FUL - Site Of Former Bilston Tennis Courts, Villiers Avenue / Harper Road, Wolverhampton

The Committee considered a report regarding 23/00608/FUL - Erection of 11 two and three bedroom semi-detached and detached dwellings.

Vijay Kaul, Section Leader, outlined the report.

The report was debated by Committee.

The Section Leader responded to questions asked and stated that electric charging points were now covered under Building Regulations.

Councillor Alan Butt moved the recommendations within the report. Councillor Bob Maddox seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

That planning application 23/00608/FUL be granted subject to the following conditions:

- External materials
- Levels
- Construction Management Plan (inc operational hours)
- · Land contamination and ground gas
- Detailed remediation scheme (coal mining)
- Drainage
- Landscaping
- Tree protection measures
- Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement
- Visibility Splays
- Implement access and parking
- Agree street furniture to be removed or relocated
- · Boundary/retaining treatments
- Renewable energy
- Remove PD rights for rear extensions / dormers
- Obscure glazing / top openers (1.7m from room level) to first floor side elevation windows