

Minutes of the Special Planning Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 10 December 2024

Chair - Councillor B McKeown

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:	
B M Cross	A Nixon
A D Hobbs	M Phillips
E G R Jones	A J Sandiford
P W Jones	S N Spencer
A R McNaughton	

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime	-	Principal Solicitor, Contentious Litigation
J Holmes	-	Development Manager
V Blake	-	Senior Planning Officer
E Handley	-	Senior Planning Officer
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

PC43 Apologies

None received.

PC44 Application 23/38211/FUL - Aston Marina, Lichfield Road, Stone

(Recommend: approval subject to conditions).

A site visit took place at 10:50 on Tuesday 10 December. The site was viewed from within the marina complex adjacent to the site.

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding the matter.

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:

N Nicholls spoke in support of the application.

Councillor B M Cross proposed that the application be approved subject to the conditions in the report.

This was seconded by Councillor A Nixon.

On being put to the vote the proposal to approve application 23/38211/FUL, subject to conditions, was carried.

RESOLVED:- that planning application 23/38211/FUL be approved subject to the conditions listed within the report.

PC45 Application 24/39728/PSI - County Hospital, Weston Road, Stafford

(Recommend: **either 1)**, Approve, subject to conditions if the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has, by the time of the Special Planning Committee meeting, removed their objection;

or 2), in the event of the LLFA maintaining their objection Special Planning Committee delegate authority to the Head of Economic Development and Planning to approve the application subject to the LLFA removing their objection, the conditions set out in the Agenda and the Committee Chairman agreeing the attachment of any further conditions recommended by the LLFA to resolve the drainage issue.)

A site visit took place at 10:10 on Tuesday 10 December. The site was viewed from within the hospital site and adjacent to the proposed site.

Considered the report of the Head of Economic Development and Planning regarding the matter.

It was noted that:

- there remains outstanding detail regarding drainage;
- Condition 4 is no longer required;
- Condition 6 to be revised as a revised arboricultural statement has been received. Condition to require works in accordance with the revised statement;
- Condition 9 revised landscaping drawings have been received so a revised condition is recommended to secure landscaping in accordance with the revised drawings.

Public speaking on the proposal was as follows:

T Hallett spoke in support of the application.

Councillor S N Spencer proposed an amendment to Condition 9 to state that some Lime trees will be retained within a revised landscaping scheme, subject to a further survey on tree condition. This was seconded by Councillor M Phillips.

On being put to the vote, it was agreed that Condition 9 be amended to retain Lime trees where possible within a landscaping scheme, to be supported by further survey on tree condition.

Councillor A Nixon proposed that on the basis of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) maintaining their objection, the Planning Committee delegate authority to the Head of Economic Development and Planning to approve the application subject to the LLFA removing their objection, the conditions set out in the Agenda (with condition 4 omitted, condition 6 revised as per the Officer's presentation, and condition 9 as revised by Councillor S N Spencer's proposal), and the Committee Chairman agreeing to the attachment of any further conditions recommended by the LLFA to resolve the drainage issue.

This was seconded by Councillor E G R Jones.

On being put to the vote the proposal to approve application 24/39728/PSI was carried.

RESOLVED:- that:-

- a) Condition 9 be amended to require submission of a revised landscaping scheme to include retention of Lime trees where possible, subject to a further survey on their condition.
- b) that planning application 24/39728/PSI, in the event of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) maintaining their objection, the Planning Committee delegate authority to the Head of Economic Development and Planning to approve the application subject to the LLFA removing their objection, the conditions set out in the Agenda (with condition 4 omitted, condition 6 revised as per the Officer's presentation, and condition 9 as revised by Councillor S N Spencer's proposal), and the Committee Chairman agreeing to the attachment of any further conditions recommended by the LLFA to resolve the drainage issue.

CHAIR