

WEST AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 8 October 2014

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Van Nooijen (Chair), Gotch (Vice-Chair), Clack, Cook, Gant, Henwood, Hollingsworth, Simmons and Tanner.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Felicity Byrne (City Development), Michael Morgan (Law and Governance) and Jennifer Thompson (Law and Governance)

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Price (substitute Councillor Henwood) and Councillor Benjamin (substitute Councillor Simmons).

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

57. SPANISH CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL, BONN SQUARE -14/01888/FUL

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which detailed a planning application for the installation of a memorial stone in Bonn Square, Oxford to the volunteers from Oxfordshire who died in the Spanish Civil War.

Colin Carritt, the applicant, spoke in support of the application.

The committee considered the application for the war memorial and in particular its size and location, and the impact of this on the uncluttered space of Bonn Square, the nearby listed building and memorial, and in relation to policy WE5. The committee were concerned about the detailed design of the memorial, the proposed location, its size and whether this application represented the best design and siting of the memorial in relation to the entirety of the public space of Bonn Square and its surroundings.

A motion to defer the application for more information and further discussions was seconded and carried on being put to the vote.

The committee resolved to defer consideration of the application to allow officers and the applicant to:

1. Consider options for the location of the memorial and their merits;
2. Given that the memorial was to sit in a key public open space, to submit a detailed design to the design panel for comment;
3. Submit an amended application with details of design, detail, materials, finish, size, location, and any necessary mitigation measures taking into account the advice given.

58. 117 FAIRACRES RD - 14/01012/FUL

The Head of City Development submitted a report which detailed a planning application for a two storey rear extension, two velux style roof lights to the side roof slope, and porch to the front door at 117 Fairacres Road, Iffley.

David Morris and Sarah Wild, Iffley Fields Residents Association, spoke against the application.

Lee Reed, the applicant, spoke in support of the application.

The planning officer reported that the highways authority had not withdrawn their holding objection, but that the outstanding concerns over parking could be resolved through agreeing detailed parking and access plans under condition 6. The legal adviser reminded councillors that conditions must relate only to matters within the applicant's control and be enforceable.

The committee agreed that parking and access details should require vehicles to enter and exit in a forward direction, and that an informative that access should be from Donnington Bridge not Fairacres should be added.

The committee resolved to grant planning permission for application 14/01012/FUL at 117 Fairacres Road subject to the following conditions and informative:

1. Development begun within time limit.
2. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
3. Materials – matching.
4. Amenity - no windows to side.
5. Sustainable drainage.
6. Details excluded submit revised plans.
7. Flood proofing.
8. Floor levels.

Informative: access should be from Donnington Bridge not Fairacres; negotiation with the highways authority to secure this is recommended.

59. 41 PORTLAND RD - 14/02327/FUL

The Head of City Development submitted a report which detailed a planning application for a part single, part two storey rear extension.

Brian Johns, a local resident, spoke against the application.

Ian Brown, the agent for the applicant, spoke in support of the application.

The committee resolved to grant planning permission for application 14/02327/FUL, at 41 Portland Road, Oxford subject to the following conditions:

1. Development begun within time limit.
2. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
3. Materials – matching.
4. Amenity no additional windows – side.
5. SUDS.

60. PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee noted the reports on planning appeals received and determined during August and September 2014.

61. MINUTES

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2014 as a true and accurate record.

62. FORTHCOMING APPLICATIONS

The Committee noted the list of forthcoming applications and that application 14/01273/OUT, Part of Former Travis Perkins Site, Collins Street should be added to this.

63. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014

The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 8.05 pm