

To Executive Board – 10 October 2005

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES

Central, South and West Area Committee – 13 September 2005

75. TUMBLING BAY HEAD OF BULLSTAKE STREAM, BOTLEY ROAD – CREATION OF 3 RESIDENTIAL HOUSE BOAT MOORINGS (APPLICATION NUMBER O5/01233/FUL)

The Planning Services Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Adrian Butler informed the Committee that he had, since the report had been written, received a petition with 94 signatures in support of the application, a letter from the Environment Agency objecting to the application on flooding grounds and comments from the Council's Property Co-ordinator.

The Committee was addressed by Dr. N. Jackson (West Oxford Wildlife Group), Mr. M. Stanley (Chairman of the Oxfordshire Narrowboat Trust) and Mr. J. Power (Osney, St. Thomas and New Botley Allotments Association) who spoke against the application and by Mr. J. Griffiths, one of the applicants, and by Ms A. Reiss, who spoke in support of the application.

Resolved: -

- (1) to defer the application to enable the officers to obtain further information: from the Environment Agency concerning flooding; a flood risk assessment about voles and access to the site for emergency vehicles;
- (2) to ASK the Executive Board whether there is a plan concerning the mooring of boats.

(Note: the Chair declared a personal interest in this application in view of the fact that she had been lobbied by both the applicants and those objecting to the application and her involvement with the allotment association and the wildlife group and took no part in the debate or vote on it. The Vice-Chair took the chair for this item. The Vice-Chair and Councillors Sushila Dhall and Matthew Sellwood also declared personal interests in this application due to the fact that they all knew people who had expressed a view on the application.)

78. CAR FREE DAY

The Chief Executive submitted a report (tabled and now appended), which the Chair had certified as urgent business.

Resolved: --

- (1) to allocate up to £1,000 from the Community Events Budget towards the costs associated with the “In Town Without My Car” event to be held on 22nd September;
- (2) to RECOMMEND the Executive Board that, in future, “In Town Without My Car” should be incorporated into both the Council’s events and sustainability programmes;
- (3) to thank Cyclox, the Oxford Pedestrians Society and other participating organisations for their commitment and support for the event.

84. THE STORY MUSEUM

Kim Pickin gave a presentation on the plans to set up a Story Museum in Oxford.

Resolved: -

- (1) to note the presentation;
- (2) to ask that officers from Property and Estates meet representatives of the Story Museum concerning accommodation in the City Centre;
- (3) to ask the Executive Board to consider the possibility of the Council formally supporting/sponsoring the Story Museum and of the office accommodation in the Town Hall currently being used by the Story Museum being provided free of charge.