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East Area Planning Committee

Question and answer session for the West Barton housing application

Date: **Thursday 12 September 2013**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **The Old Library, Town Hall**

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East Area Planning Committee

Membership

Chair	Councillor Roy Darke	Headington Hill and Northway;
Vice-Chair	Councillor David Rundle	Headington;
	Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan	Headington Hill and Northway;
	Councillor Mary Clarkson	Marston;
	Councillor Van Coulter	Barton and Sandhills;
	Councillor Steven Curran	Northfield Brook;
	Councillor Sam Hollick	Holywell;
	Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan	Lye Valley;
	Councillor Michele Paule	Rose Hill and Iffley;

The quorum for this meeting is five members. Substitutes are permitted.

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AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is for Councillors and members of the public to ask questions on the planning application for the Land west of Barton, north of A40 and south of Bayswater Brook: 13/01383/FUL (West Barton) housing development.

The Planning Officer's report has been attached for information only.

The West Barton application will NOT be determined at this meeting, but will be decided at the East Area Planning Committee's meeting scheduled for **6pm Tuesday 24 September**.

4 LAND WEST OF BARTON, NORTH OF A40 AND SOUTH OF BAYSWATER BROOK: 13/ 01383/FUL

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The Head of City Development has submitted a report which outlines an application (seeking means of access) for the erection of:

- a maximum of 885 residential units (Class C3);
- a maximum of 2,500 sq m gross Class A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 uses (with a maximum of 2,000 sq m gross food store Class A1);
- a maximum of 50 extra care housing units;
- a maximum of 7,350 sq m GEA hotel (Class C1);
- a maximum of 3,000 sq m GEA Class D1, D2 floorspace (community hub and primary school);

in development blocks ranging from 2 to 5 storeys with associated cycle and car parking, landscaping, public realm works, interim works and associated highway works.

This report is not for determination tonight.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

An opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.

6 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

An opportunity for Councillors to ask questions.

7 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee NOTES the following future meeting dates:

Tuesday 24 September 2013_ Barton Application

Wednesday 2 October 2013 (and Thursday 10 October if necessary)

Wednesday 6 November 2013 (and Thursday 14 November if necessary)

Wednesday 4 December 2013 (and Thursday 12 December if necessary)

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners..

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DEALING WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT AREA PLANNING COMMITTEES AND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Planning controls the development and use of land in the public interest. Applications must be determined in accordance with the Council's adopted policies, unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise. The Committee must be conducted in an orderly, fair and impartial manner.

The following minimum standards of practice will be followed. A full Planning Code of Practice is contained in the Council's Constitution.

1. All Members will have pre-read the officers' report. Members are also encouraged to view any supporting material and to visit the site if they feel that would be helpful
2. At the meeting the Chair will draw attention to this code of practice. The Chair will also explain who is entitled to vote.
3. The sequence for each application discussed at Committee shall be as follows:-

- (a) the Planning Officer will introduce it with a short presentation;
- (b) any objectors may speak for up to 5 minutes in total;
- (c) any supporters may speak for up to 5 minutes in total;

Speaking times may be extended by the Chair, provided that equal time is given to both sides. Any non-voting City Councillors and/or Parish and County Councillors who may wish to speak for or against the application will have to do so as part of the two 5-minute slots mentioned above;

- (d) voting members of the Committee may raise questions (which shall be directed via the Chair to the lead officer presenting the application, who may pass them to other relevant Officer/s and/or other speaker/s); and

- (e) voting members will debate and determine the application.

4. Members of the public wishing to speak must send an e-mail to [**sclaridge@oxford.gov.uk**](mailto:sclaridge@oxford.gov.uk) giving details of your name, the application/agenda item you wish to speak on and whether you are objecting to or supporting the application or complete a 'Planning Speakers' form obtainable at the meeting and hand it to the Democratic Services Officer or the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.
5. All representations should be heard in silence and without interruption. The Chair will not permit disruptive behaviour. Members of the public are reminded that if the meeting is not allowed to proceed in an orderly manner then the Chair will withdraw the opportunity to address the Committee. The Committee is a meeting held in public, not a public meeting.
6. Members of the public are reminded that the recording of the meeting (audio or visual) is not permitted without the consent of the Committee, which should be sought via the Chair.
7. Members should not:-
 - (a) rely on considerations which are not material planning considerations in law;
 - (b) question the personal integrity or professionalism of officers in public;
 - (c) proceed to a vote if minded to determine an application against officer's recommendation until the reasons for that decision have been formulated; and
 - (d) seek to re-design, or negotiate amendments to, an application. The Committee must determine applications as they stand and may impose appropriate conditions.