

WEST AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 8 May 2013

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Van Nooijen (Chair), Goddard (Vice-Chair), Benjamin, Canning, Clack, Cook, Jones and Khan and Price.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Murray Hancock (City Development), Nick Worlledge (City Development), Michael Morgan (Law and Governance) and William Reed (Law and Governance).

159. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tanner. Councillor Price attended as substitute.

160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

161. BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, WALTON STREET: 13/00119/FUL

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated now appended) concerning a planning application for a School of Government for the University of Oxford in Walton Street (Plot L, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road) (Application No. 13/00119/FUL). He said that since the report had been published some further letters of comment had been received as follows:-

- Lord O'Donnell – in support of the application
- Sir Suma Chakrabarti – in support of the application
- Jericho Community Association – against the application
- David Freud and the Jericho Community Association – against the application

In accordance with the criteria for public speaking, the following people spoke in favour of the application and the following people spoke against the application:-

For the application

- Calum Miller (representing the School of Government)
- Chris Meile (Montagu Evans LLP, agent for the University)
- Simon Demeuse (from the scheme architects, Herzog de Meuron)

Against the application

- Peter Trevelyan (on behalf of the Jericho Community Association and David Freud)

- Debbie Dance (from and on behalf of the Oxford Preservation Trust)
- Adrian Arbib
- Councillor Alan Armitage (local councillor)
- David Freud (St Paul's Church / Freud Art Café)

Resolved to support the planning application no 13/00119/FUL, to authorise the Head of City Development to draw up a legal agreement and then to issue notice of planning permission subject to the conditions listed in the report but with an amendment to condition 13 (details of boundary treatment and public realm ground works) to say that such treatment and ground works should not involve the provision of bollards.

162. TRAVIS PERKINS SITE, CHAPEL STREET: 12/02560/VAR

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated now appended) concerning a planning application relating to the Travis Perkins Site in Chapel Street (Application No. 12/02560/VAR).

Resolved to support the planning application no 12/02560/VAR, to authorise the Head of City Development to draw up a legal agreement and then to issue notice of planning permission subject to the conditions listed in the report.

163. SUMMERTOWN HOUSE, APSLEY ROAD: 13/00217/VAR

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated now appended) concerning variation of a planning application for Summertown House, Apsley Road (Application No. 13/00217/VAR)

In accordance with the criteria for public speaking, the following people spoke in support of the application and the following people spoke against the application:-

For the application

- Michael Wigg (on behalf of the University of Oxford)
- Ian Durbin (on behalf of the University of Oxford)

Against the application

- Martin Yates (local resident)

Resolved to approve the planning application no 13/00217/VAR subject to the conditions listed in the report.

164. 24 MARLBOROUGH COURT: 13/00760/FUL

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated now appended) concerning a planning application relating to 24 Marlborough Court (Application No. 13/00760/FUL).

Resolved to approve the planning application no 13/00760/FUL subject to the conditions listed in the report.

165. PLANNING APPEALS

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) giving details of planning appeals received and determined during March 2013. He said that since the report had been published two appeal decisions had been received, both in relation to applications in Grove Street. One appeal had been dismissed and one had been allowed.

Resolved to note the report.

166. MINUTES

Resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2013.

167. FORTHCOMING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following planning application which would be before the Committee at future meetings:-

- Roger Dudman Way: 13/00636/FUL: 9 student study rooms plus pedestrian footbridge.
- Lady Margaret Hall: 06/01796/FUL: Condition 10 – Removal and replacement of lime trees.
- New Rd / Tidmarsh Lane: 13/00843/FUL & 13/00844/CAC: Science Museum & Innovations Centre.

168. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note that the Committee's next three meetings would be held as follows:-

- Tuesday 11 June 2013 (and Thursday 13 June if necessary)
- Tuesday 9 July 2013 (and Thursday 11 July if necessary)
- Tuesday 13 August 2013 (and Thursday 15 August if necessary)

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.52 pm

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