

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE PLANS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

10TH JULY 2014 AT 7.00PM

Present: Mr G Sanders (In the Chair), Miss A Ambrose, Mr R Berrington, Miss S Betts, Mr P Kennedy (substituting for Mr S Maxwell), Mrs I Whailing, Mr W Wright.

Officers in Attendance: Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Miss J Leech, Assistant Executive Officer – Admin.

Apologies: Mr S Maxwell.

1. Disclosures of Interest from Members

There were no disclosures by Members of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

2. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Orders 16f and 70 the meeting was adjourned to give an opportunity for members of the public present to raise matters of public interest for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions.

There were two members of the public present at the meeting. A resident of Ayston Road was present to make representation on planning application 14/0554/1/PX 12 – 14 Ayston Road. They objected to the application on the grounds of overbearing effect and disturbance from the car parking proposed to the rear of the property.

A second member of the public made representation on item 8, the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to Lubbethorpe Bridle Road. They raised their concerns to the consultation process carried out by the developer with the existing residents of Lubbethorpe.

3. Report of the Meetings held 19th June 2014

The Report of the Meeting held 19th June 2014 was taken as read and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Planning Applications – To Note the Action Taken Under Delegated Powers

RESOLVED: That the action taken under Standing Order No.71 (c) in forwarding the following observations to Blaby District Council be approved:-

14/0554/1/PX Mr Haria, 12 -14 Ayston Road. Extensions and alterations. *The Braunstone Town Parish Plan survey revealed that 54.7% of residents thought that parked vehicles caused problems in this area, particularly for people with disabilities or with pushchairs. It is particularly important therefore that in accordance with Local Plan Policy T7, on-sit parking facilities should be provided:- dwellings with more than 4 bedrooms – 3 spaces. In accordance with Section CE25 of the Blaby District Local Plan the following crime prevention measures should be incorporated:- adequate boundary fences provided. The occupiers of neighbouring properties should be fully consulted in connection with the proposals.*

It was noted that Mr W Wright would be calling in the application at Blaby District Council in his capacity as a District Councillor.

5. Planning Applications

RESOLVED That the following observations be forwarded to Blaby District Council:-

14/0527/1/PX Asda Stores Ltd, Narborough Road South. Refurbishment of petrol filling station to include removal of existing underground tanks and installation of 3 new underground storage tanks, construction of 11 new dual sided petrol pumps, 1 new shop/kiosk with ATM and 1 new double automated car wash and single jet wash bay (revised scheme). *No observations.*

14/0589/1/PX Unit 5, Fosse Park Avenue. External alterations to front and rear elevations. *No observations.*

14/0615/1/PY Peveral Court, Burdet Close. Proposed landscaping works including: new fencing, footpaths, access, paving, seating and tree planting. *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application.*

14/0620/1/HPX Mr J Brightmore, 66 Tuffleys Way, Thorpe Astley. Conversion of garage into habitable accommodation. *As there is no information in the application relating to the number of bedrooms to the property, In accordance with the Local Plan Policy T7 replacement of on-site parking facilities should be provided:- dwellings with more than 4 bedrooms – 3 spaces, 3 or less bedrooms – 2 spaces, 1 bedroom flats/bedsits – 1 space.*

14/0652/1/HPX 43 Gavin Close, Thorpe Astley. Two storey side extension. *In accordance with the Local Plan Policy T7 replacement of on-site parking facilities should be provided:- dwellings with more than 4 bedrooms – 3 spaces, 3 or less bedrooms – 2 spaces, 1 bedroom flats/bedsits – 1 space.*

NOTES:

LOCALISM ACT 2011 - SECTION 25

It was noted that in considering the above Planning Applications Town Councillors' could not be judged to have had a closed mind just because they had previously done anything that directly or indirectly indicated what view he/she took, or would or might take, in relation to a decision. Councillors who are also Members of Blaby District Council participated on the basis that they would keep an 'open mind' and reserved their final views until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998

When making observations in connection with the above applications, members considered crime reduction opportunities and the use of any appropriate 'planning gain'.

6. Premises Licence Application 2011654 – Riverside Pavilion

A letter dated 8th July 2014 from Leicester City Council advising the Council that the Hearing for the Premises Licence Application to the Riverside Pavilion was scheduled for 23rd July 2014 at 9.30am.

RESOLVED

That it be confirmed with Leicester City Council that Mr R Berrington would make representation on the application on behalf of the Town Council.

7. Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Board

The dates of the scheduled meetings for the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Board were noted as 17th July 2014, 30th October 2014, 15th January 2015, 16th April 2015, and 16th July 2015, each meeting to start at 5.30pm at Blaby District Council's offices.

RESOLVED

To note that Mr W Wright and Miss S Betts would be attending the meeting scheduled for 17th July 2014.

8. Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – Lubbesthorpe Bridle Road

A response dated 1st July 2014 from Leicestershire County Council to the Town Council's request for further information on the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order to Lubbesthorpe Bridle Road was received and noted.

It was noted that the closure was required for the construction of the access bridge over the M1 which would be expected to take around 18 months to complete. A construction programme was to be submitted to the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Group, and a public exhibition would be held in August.

The Traffic Regulation Order had been introduced, following representation from Leicestershire Police, for safety purposes to avoid conflict between general traffic with construction traffic during the construction period.

9. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.

EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;
- foster good relations between different groups

To ensure that no person receives less favorable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.