

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at 7pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Ambler, Blewett, Cockarill, Delaney, Kennett, Quarterman (Chairman),
Radley, Southern, Worlock

Officers:

Emma Whittaker: Planning Manager
Tola Otudeko: Shared Legal Services
Adam Maskill: Tree Officer
Helen Vincent: Committee Services Officer
Celia Wood: Committee Services Officer

The meeting started at 7.05pm due to technical issues.

19. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Oliver. Councillor Quarterman chaired the meeting in his absence.

21. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 7 on the Agenda - development applications (Paper D) had been withdrawn and was not discussed.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

23. PLANNING WORKING PARTY PEER REVIEW

Planning Committee were updated following the Planning Committee Working Party's review of those recommendations from the Planning Peer Review that specifically relate to the Planning Committee. Planning Committee were asked to accept the recommendations as detailed below.

Members voted on each of the recommendations in turn after a brief discussion.

Note: Councillor Blewitt left the meeting at 7.16pm and returned at 7.20pm to vote on recommendation number 3 only.

DECISION

The Planning Committee agree to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee Working Party.

1. That the Planning Committee move the request for a motion on each planning application after the debate.
2. That the Planning Committee agree to retain the ability to ask questions of the public speakers
3. That the Planning Committee continue to use the Major Sites Sub-Committee provided that in the case of applications referred to it by the Planning Committee, clear terms of reference, including whether the decision is to be taken by the Sub-Committee, are given.

24. OBJECTION TO ORD/20/00001 “THE LAND NORTH OF WINCHFIELD COURT TREE PRESERVATION ORDER, 2020”

The Committee was asked to consider one email objection which related to this Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The TPO protected a number of trees within an area of open space adjacent to Pale Lane and to the north of Winchfield Court. The issue of this TPO was considered expedient as there was an immediate threat to trees at this site. It was thought that an older TPO ref: ORD/14/00071 provided protection but no evidence could be found that this TPO had ever been confirmed. As, such that TPO would lack effect.

Members were informed that the Tree Replacement Notice for the felled Yew tree runs separately to this TPO.

DECISION

That TPO ORD/20/00001 be confirmed with modification as below:

Remove Yew, T2 to be shown by striking through on the schedule.

25. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

As per the Chairman’s Announcement Item no: 101 - 20/01602/FUL - 72 Christchurch Drive Blackwater Camberley GU17 0HH had been withdrawn.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.