

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee of Sandy Town Council which was held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 21 May 2018 commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Blaine, W Jackson, T Knagg, M Pettitt (Chair), D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow, S Sutton and N Thompson.

Absent: Cllr G Leach.

In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis and M Hill. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator), one member of the public.

1 Apologies (104-2017/18)

There were none.

2 Declarations of interest (105-2017/18)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – none

3 Planning Applications (106-2017/18)

The following applications submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council were reviewed and comments agreed.

26.05.18	CB/18/01299/ FULL Mr T Dennis Bulldog Steel Fabrications Grange Nurseries The Green Beeston SG19 1PG	Erection of a new building/extension for storage at Grange Nurseries, The Green, Beeston, SG19 1PG Resolved: to object strongly to this application as the industrial development is incongruous within the hamlet of Beeston. Members felt it would represent overdevelopment of the site in what is essentially a rural setting. When the existing buildings were built they were outside the settlement envelope in breach of the Local Plan at the time. The current large industrial buildings are clearly visible from Sandy and adversely affect the open vista. The new CBC Call for Sites map shows that this area is in a flood plain. Members expressed concern that were this application to be granted and bearing in mind the nature of the applicant's business a significant increase in the number of traffic movements would result, especially HGV's adding to the already disproportionately high number of such movements to and from at least two other commercial sites in the locality causing disturbance and creating noise and atmospheric pollution to residents in
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		<p>the locality. Members urged that were CBC minded to grant consent that consideration be given to putting in place a restriction on the number of daily vehicle movements to and from this site.</p>
27.05.18	<p>CB/18/01443/ FULL C/O Ms E Beardmore DLP Planning Ltd The Green House 41-42 Clerkenwell Green London EC1R 0DU</p>	<p>Erection of a single storey Special Vehicles Operation facility comprising of vehicular repair facilities (Class B21); office space (Class B1); and ancillary facilities for use in association with existing Use Class B8 operation, access and ancillary works at London Road Industrial Estate, Georgetown Road, Sandy.</p> <p>Resolved: to make no objections to this application believing it to be a suitable development on the site.</p>
08.05.18	<p>CB/17/01326/ OUT Mr Underwood RKB Property Investments Ltd C/o DLP Planning 4 Abbey Court Fraser Road Priory Business Park Bedford MK44 3WH</p>	<p>Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access, for the redevelopment of the site to provide up to 33 no. residential (C3) units, constituting 21 market units and 12 affordable housing units with associated landscaping, car parking and utilities infrastructure at the Former Sandy Service Station, Tower Hill House, New Road, Sandy, SG19 1NY.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced the item and explained to members of DS Committee (and others present) that in line with the Council's existing Scheme of Delegation it should not have been included on this agenda being a potential major development of 33 residential units and ought instead, as on 22 May 2017 (Item 23(i)) to be a stand alone item on the agenda of the full Town Council meeting, also this evening and when as before all members of council would have an opportunity to speak and vote on any proposition etc.</p> <p>Accordingly there could be discussion of the item and if as a result there was a clear and overwhelming feeling one way or the other to support or object to the outline application but without a formal vote having been taken then a letter would be sent to CBC to reflect that view. However as discussion took place quite diverse views emerged from among members who spoke not only with regard to basic suitability of the site for residential development but in relation to a whole tranche of related issues some but not all of which were touched upon in STC's response to the first outline application twelve months ago. Thus the Chairman intervened to suggest that his initial proposed course of action no longer seemed appropriate as no broad</p>

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		consensus seemed likely to emerge from further discussion and instead and notwithstanding the already amended deadline for responses set for 23 May the item should again be on the agenda of the next full STC Meeting on 25 June. There seemed to be a general agreement among all members present that this was the most sensible and pragmatic course of action bearing in mind that at present the matter remains an outline application with all matters reserved apart from access.
14.05.18	CB/18/01441/ FULL Mr & Mrs Hassan 22 Prince George's Drive Sandy SG19 1RN	Convert detached garage to habitable accommodation with link extension to house effecting front elevation at 22 Prince George's Drive, Sandy, SG19 1RN. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
14.05.18	CB/18/01668/ FULL Mr U Patel 11a Market Square Sandy SG19 1HU	Loft extension with front and rear dormer windows at 11a Market Square, Sandy, SG19 1HU. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

4 Late Planning Applications (107-2017/18)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (108-2017/18)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 30 April 2018 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (109-2017/18)

Members noted that the enforcement case for 57 Cambridge Road is still being investigated.

In closing the meeting at 7.16pm the Chairman thanked the V. Chair, Cllr Paul Sharman for his support over the past civic year, all members of DS Committee for their support and for the professional manner in which they had contributed to the work of the committee and last but not least to the Administrator, Anne Elliott-Flockhart for her dedication and support given to himself and to all members to ensure the smooth and efficient working of the committee during his term as Chairman.