

Planning Committee

Wednesday, 13 January 2021

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 13 January 2021. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes. The decisions below are subject to decision notices being finalised and issued.

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1. 20/02568/FUL - Bourn (Former Gestamp Factory, Bourn Airfield)

By seven votes to two, the Committee approved the application subject to the Conditions and Informatives set out in the report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development.

(Councillors Henry Batchelor, Bradnam, Cahn, Fane, Hawkins, Heylings and Wilson voted to approve the application. Councillors Heather Williams and Richard voted for refusal. Councillor Deborah Roberts was not present. Councillor Nick Wright did not vote.)

2. S/3290/19/RM - Fulbourn (Land East of Teversham Road)

The Delivery Manager (Strategic Sites) informed the Committee that, on the evening of Monday 11 January 2021, the Council had received a draft copy of grounds for judicial review of this application, should it be determined at the current meeting.

Officers had spent a considerable amount of time analysing those draft grounds, which related to matters of compliance with the outline planning permission. A key consideration had been whether or not officers would be in a position to advise Committee members adequately at this meeting given the amount of detail needed to address the issues raised.

The draft grounds had been submitted by a third party who lived next to the application site. They had been shared with the applicant who had now formally requested that the application be deferred.

In addition, and following the submission of another third party representation on Tuesday 12 January, the Lead Local Flood Authority had also requested that the application be deferred in order to give them an opportunity to review their comments on the application.

Upon a proposal from Councillor Pippa Heylings, seconded by Councillor Deborah Roberts, and by affirmation, the Committee deferred the application to allow officers and the Lead Local Flood Authority enough time to scrutinise the issues raised in sufficient detail and thus be able to advise the committee fully.

3. S/3215/19/DC - Longstons (The Retreat, Fews Lane)

By nine votes to nil, the Planning Committee approved the application to discharge Conditions 4 and 5 attached to planning permission S/2937/16/FL as follows:

Condition 4 (Foul Water Drainage)

The following details are acceptable to the local planning authority and therefore approved:

- Site Plan, Drawing Reference FLL-345-Site 01
- Drainage Layout, Drawing Reference 19/0321/100 Rev P9
- Below Ground Construction Details, Drawing Reference 19/0321/110 Rev P2

Condition 4 shall be fully discharged once the foul water drainage system has been installed and made operational in accordance with the approved details.

Condition 5 (Surface Water Drainage)

The following details are acceptable to the local planning authority and therefore approved:

- Site Plan, Drawing Reference FLL-345-Site 01
- Drainage Layout, Drawing Reference 19/0321/100 Rev P9
- Ditch Plan and Section 1, Drawing Reference 19/0321/101 Rev P3
- Below Ground Construction Details, Drawing Reference 19/0321/110 Rev P2
- Document titled Below Ground Drainage Operation and Maintenance Strategy Report, prepared by Andrew Firebrace Partnership Limited

Condition 5 shall be fully discharged once the surface water drainage system has been installed and made operational in accordance with the approved details.

(Councillors Henry Batchelor, Bradnam, Cahn, Fane, Hawkins, Heylings, Richard Williams, Wilson and Wright voted to discharge the Conditions. Councillor Heather Williams was not present and did not vote. Councillor Roberts was not present during part of the consideration of this application, and did not vote.)

4. 20/02453/S73 - Longstanton (The Retreat, Few's Lane)

Upon a proposal from Councillor Pippa Heylings, seconded by Councillor Anna Bradnam, and by eight votes to three, the Committee agreed that the Traffic Management Plan be amended to state that, during the construction stage, delivery vehicles shall not park on any street within the village of Longstanton.

(Councillors Henry Batchelor, Bradnam, Cahn, Hawkins, Heylings, Richard Williams, Wilson and Wright voted in favour. Councillors Fane, Roberts and Heather Williams voted against.)

Upon a proposal from Councillor Dr. Tumi Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Anna Bradnam, the Committee voted unanimously to add an Informative to the planning consent urging the establishment of a liaison mechanism between residents, the Site Manager and Longstanton Parish Council to monitor compliance with the Traffic Management Plan and to resolve any disputes.

By ten votes to one, the Committee approved the Variation of Condition 7 (Traffic Management Plan) subject to

1. The revision of paragraph 3.2.4 of the Traffic Management Plan to state, during the construction stage, delivery vehicles shall not park on any street within the village of Longstanton.
2. Addition of an Informative urging the establishment of a liaison mechanism between residents, the Site Manager and Longstanton Parish Council to monitor compliance with the Traffic Management Plan and to resolve any disputes; and
3. The Conditions and Informatives set out in the report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development.

(Councillors Heney Batchelor, Bradnam, Cahn, Fane, Hawkins, Heylings, Heather Williams, Richard Williams, Wilson and Wright voted in favour. Councillor Roberts voted against.)

5. Planning Advisory Service Review of Planning Committee

Councillor Heather Williams proposed, and Councillor Nick Wright seconded, that

“Planning Committee supports the establishment of a joint Member / Officer Planning Improvement Group and:

1. The planning improvement group will elect a chairman as its first order of business and that the Chair be an elected councillor and given the powers, protections and authority that other chairman’s [sic] of this council receive via the constitution.
2. The planning improvement group will produce a draft set of terms of reference which are to include which committee or public meeting they will report back to.
3. No actions will be taken by the group outside of the scope stated within the PAS report or until the terms of reference have been ratified by the planning committee.
4. Minutes will be taken when the group meets and these minutes will be made available to all elected members and the public.”

Following debate, the Committee rejected the proposal by seven votes to four.

(Councillor Roberts, Heather Williams, Richard Williams and Wright voted in favour of the proposal. Councillors Henry Batchelor, Bradnam, Cahn, Fane, Hawkins, Heylings and Wilson voted against.)

By six votes to three, with one abstention, the Committee

- a) noted the content and recommendations set out in the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) report attached as Appendix A to the report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development;
- b) noted the arrangements put in place for the Planning Committee Development Group that will oversee implementation of the PAS report

recommendations; and

- c) agreed that an update report on progress of implementation of the PAS report recommendations should be presented to Planning Committee in April 2021.

(Councillors Henry Batchelor, Cahn, Fane, Hawkins, Heylings and Wilson supported the recommendations set out in the report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development. Councillors Roberts, Heather Williams and Wright voted against. Councillor Richard Williams abstained. Councillor Bradnam left the meeting during the course of the debate and did not vote.)

6. Enforcement Action: 146 Cambridge Road, Wimpole

By eight votes to nil, and in the event that engagement with the owner / occupiers of the site is unsuccessful in securing compliance with Condition 1 of Planning Permission S/0583/14/FL, the Committee authorised the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, to initiate measures required to secure compliance with the said Condition by means of an application to the Court for an injunction under Section 187 B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.

(Councillors Henry Batchelor, Cahn, Fane, Hawkins, Heylings, Richard Williams, Wilson and Wright voted in favour. Councillors Roberts and Heather Williams did not vote. Councillor Bradnam had left the meeting.)