

Planning Committee

Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 9 December 2020. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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

Upon the proposal of Councillor Heather Williams, seconded by Councillor Nick Wright, and upon the Chair's casting vote, the Committee resolved not to defer the application but, instead, to debate the issues and give officers delegated authority to determine the application, in accordance with the Committee's wishes, subject to no issues being raised during the additional consultation period ending on 29 December 2020. Should such issues be raised, the application would be referred back to Committee for reconsideration.

(Councillors Bradnam, Roberts, Heather Williams, Richard Williams and Wright voted to defer, Councillors John Batchelor, Cahn, Fane, Hawkins and Heylings voted to determine the application. Councillor Batchelor, as Chair, cast his vote in favour of determining the application at the current meeting.)

However, during the course of public speaking it became clear that Bourn Parish Council would be raising issues before the end of the public consultation period.

After taking advice from the Senior Planning Lawyer and Delivery Manager (Strategic Sites), the Chair proposed, seconded by Councillor Anna Bradnam, that the application be deferred. By affirmation, the Committee deferred the application until after the end of public consultation on 29 December 2020.

2. S/4252/19/FL - Fowlmere (Cherry Tree Field, Shepreth Road)

Since the committee report had been written, letters had been received from solicitors acting on behalf of Fowlmere Parish Council in respect of the 'fallback' position namely, the previously agreed Class Q for two dwellings. Members had considered that issue to be crucial in approving the application on 11 November 2020.

In reply to these letters, the applicant's solicitor had submitted responses that were completely contrary to the views expressed by the Parish Council's legal advisor.

The detailed legal arguments in this correspondence require further consideration by officers so that Members can make a robust, informed decision.

By affirmation, the Committee deferred the application to enable officers to provide Members with a report that takes into account all of the new points made.