

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

THE EARL BALDWIN SUITE, DUKE HOUSE, CLENSMORE STREET,
KIDDERMINSTER

20TH MAY 2010 (6:00 PM)

Present:

Councillors: S J Williams (Chairman), D R Godwin (Vice-Chairman), J-P Campion, P B Harrison, M J Hart, C D Nicholls, F M Oborski, J W Parish, M Price, M A Salter, K J Stokes, and G C Yarranton.

Observers:

Councillors: J Baker, G W Ballinger, R Bishop, A T Hingley, and J Holden.

PL.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H J Martin.

PL.2 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor K J Stokes was a substitute for Councillor H J Martin.

PL.3 Declaration of Interests

Councillor D R Godwin advised that he had a prejudicial interest in item reference 10/0147/FULL, as he knew the agent.

PL.4 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PL.5 Applications To Be Determined

The Committee considered those applications for determination (now incorporated in Development Control Schedule No. 473 attached).

Decision: The applications now submitted be determined, in accordance with the decisions set out in Development Control Schedule No. 473 attached, subject to incorporation of any further conditions or reasons (or variations) thought to be necessary to give full effect to the Authority's wishes about any particular application.

PL.6 List of Pending Applications

The Committee received a schedule of planning and related applications that were pending decision.

Decision: The schedule be noted.

PL.7 Planning and Enforcement Appeals

The Committee received details of the position with regard to planning and related appeals, still being processed, together with particulars of appeals that had been determined since the date of the last meeting.

Decision: The details be noted.

PL.8 Monthly Progress Report on performance against NI157 targets for determining planning applications

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services which provided Members with a monthly progress report on performance against National Indicators (NI157, formerly BV109).

Decision: The contents of the report be noted.

PL.9 Section 106 Obligation Monitoring

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services which gave details of the most current Section 106 Obligations which required monitoring.

Decision: The contents of the report be noted.

PL.10 Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) – Planning Performance Statistics

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services which informed Members of the published performance statistics relating to Development Control.

Decision: The contents of the report be noted.

PL.11 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Decision: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PL.12 Planning Enforcement Matters

10/0048/ENF Unauthorised erection of front and side garden walls at a property in Kidderminster

The house is situated to the south of Kidderminster town centre and forms part of a modern estate of detached dwellings.

The Planning Enforcement Team were first alerted to the construction of a wall

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enclosing the front garden of the property in March 2010. The contractor was verbally advised on site that the wall breached planning control as it was sited at the back of the pavement and it exceeded 1 metre in height.

Subsequent research of the planning history revealed that there was a condition attached to the 1985 planning consent which places a greater restriction on boundary treatment.

Officers visited the estate and discovered that the property was the only one which had an enclosing wall and the remainder of the estate was open plan with no hedges or walls.

Members of the Committee were advised that a retrospective planning application had now been received.

Decision: To await the outcome of the planning application.

The meeting ended at: 19:39