

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Present:

Quarterman (Chairman), Oliver (Vice-Chairman), Blewett, Cockarill, Kennett, Makepeace-Browne, Southern, Coburn and Forster

In attendance:

Officers:

Mark Jaggard, Executive Director - Place
Mark Berry, Development Management & Building Control Manager
Natalie Jarman, Principal Planner
Sangeeta Ratna, Principal Planner
Fehintola Otudeko, Shared Legal Services
Kathy Long, Committee Services Officer

65 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 March 2004 were proposed by the Chairman (Cllr Quarterman) and seconded by Cllr Southern and approved and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Butcher, Radley, Wildsmith and Worlock.

Cllr Coburn attended the meeting as a substitute for Cllr Worlock and Cllr Forster attended the meeting as a substitute for Cllr Butcher.

67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

68 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

69 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The planning reports from the Executive Director – Place were considered and the updates via the Addendum report were accepted.

70 23/02283/FUL - 16 – 18 LONDON ROAD, BLACKWATER GU17 9AA

The Principal Planner summarised application no. 23/02283/FUL, which was for the erection of a two-storey rear extension, comprising storage/staff resting space to the ground floor shop and an additional office and kitchenette to the first floor at 16-18 Blackwater Road, Blackwater.

As set out in the Addendum Report, the Committee was advised that amended plans had been received. The amendment related to the proposed front elevation which would be retained as existing, including the shop front.

There were no questions of clarification for the Officer.

The recommendation to **grant** was proposed by the Chairman (Cllr Quarterman) and seconded by Cllr Southern. The recommendation was unanimously agreed.

DECISION – GRANT

Note:

There was no public speaking on this item.

71 23/00823/FUL - LAND AT ORMERSFIELD FARM, CRONDALL ROAD, CROOKHAM VILLAGE, FLEET

The Principal Planner summarised application no. 23/00823/FUL, which was for the installation of a battery energy storage system with associated infrastructure and works, including access to the public highway at Ormersfield Farm, Crondall Road, Crookham Village. Members noted the various updates to the report, as set out in the Addendum Report.

Members questioned the Officer on:

- the designation of the land at the site in question;
- whether the access road would be strong enough for a fire engine, whether there would be sufficient room for a fire engine to turn around and the consultation with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service on the planning application;
- fire safety conditions;
- the use of a bund on site;
- the aggregate to be used on the access road;
- construction traffic management plan; and
- how run-off water and contaminated water would be dealt with.

Members questioned the speaker on:

- the proposed distance between batteries;

- the proposed bunds;
- assurances received from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service as part of the consultation process;
- how much water the tanks would be able to hold;
- the type of battery to be used on site;
- the proposed fire suppression system; and
- the Banksman scheme for the site.

During discussion, Members were of the opinion that insufficient details had been submitted in respect of the potential fire safety implications. Members requested that planning condition 12 should be amended to request the developer to submit in writing details of the mechanisms for the maintenance of electrical elements, together with an overarching fire safety precaution statement, including details of the proposed battery technology to be used. It was further requested that the development should not be allowed to commence until such details had been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the local Fire Service.

Officers suggested that, in response to the concerns raised by the Committee, planning condition 12 could be amended to read:

“Notwithstanding the details submitted with the application, further details of the mechanisms for the maintenance of electrical elements together with an overarching fire safety precaution statement for the development shall be submitted in writing, this shall include details of proposed battery technology to be used. The development shall not commence until such details have been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the local Fire Service. If it is intended that the battery technology should change at any time during the life of the development, further details of maintenance and fire safety precautions shall be submitted for consideration and the new batteries shall not be installed until such details have been approved. The installation shall be implemented and maintained at all times in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: Insufficient details were submitted with the application and are required in order to understand the potential fire safety implications.”

The recommendation to **grant (with amended planning condition 12 as set out above)** was proposed by the Chairman (Cllr Quarterman) and seconded by Cllr Southern. The recommendation was unanimously agreed.

DECISION – GRANT.

Note:

Public Speaker – Speaking for the planning application – Mr Owen Horrell.(Agent).

Cllr Blewett was absent from the room from 20:08 until 20:10 during discussion on this item.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm