Runnymede Borough Council

PLANNING COMMITTEE

12 February 2020 at 7.30pm

Members of the Committee present

Councillors M Willingale (Chairman), D Anderson-Bassey, J Broadhead, M Cressey, R Edis, E Gill, C Howorth,

R King, M T Kusneraitis, I Mullens, M Nuti, P Snow, J Sohi,

S Whyte

Members of the Committee absent: Councillor I Chaudhri

Councillor D Whyte also attended

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Councillor Anderson-Bassey read out the Fire Precautions.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Group mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive of their wish that the change listed below be made to the membership of the Committee. The change was for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting and thereafter the Councillor removed would be reappointed.

<u>Group</u> <u>Remove</u> <u>Appoint instead</u>

Conservative Cllr Wilson Cllr Edis

The Chief Executive had given effect to the change to Committee membership in accordance with section 16(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 January 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chaudhri.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Howorth declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in planning applications RU 19/1609 and RU 19/1193 as he is a Governor of Ashford and St Peters Hospital. Councillor Howorth withdrew from the chamber when the applications were determined.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning applications listed below were considered by the Committee. All representations received on the applications were reported and copies had been made available for inspection by Members before the meeting.

RESOLVED that -

the following applications be determined as indicated: -

APP NO LOCATION, PROPOSAL AND DECISION

RU 19/1609

St Peters Hospital, Guildford Road, Chertsey

Reserved matters application pursuant to Outline Planning Permission RU 17/1815 to consider access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to a 116 unit Retirement Village with Care Building (Use Class C2) with associated infrastructure landscaping and car parking.

The Committee was fully supportive of the application.

The Chairman advised Members to contact SCC Highways Team if they wished to make representations regarding the speed limit on Stonehill Road as SCC was the responsible Authority for such highway matters.

DECISION:

GRANT permission subject to conditions (amended conditions 2 and 9 and replacement condition 8 as per addendum), reasons and informatives listed on agenda, and additional condition and informative as per addendum.

RU 19/1193

Land at St Peters Hospital, Guildford Road, Chertsey

Reserved matters application pursuant to Outline Planning Permission RU 17/1815 to consider access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of the erection of 212 dwellings and associated car parking, open space and infrastructure within area A (Residential)

The Committee was supportive of the application.

Some Members commented on the lack of provision of a community convenience store as part of the application as they considered such provision would reduce vehicular movements to nearby towns and improve the overall sustainability of the development. In noting these comments, some other Members pointed out that a retail unit would be provided as part of the nearby Hospital development and that a frequent bus service to Chertsey was also proposed to be timetabled.

RESOLVED that

GRANT permission subject to conditions (conditions 2 and 6 amended with deletion of conditions 3,7,11 as per addendum), reasons and informatives listed on agenda, and additional informative as per addendum.

RU 19/1077

The American School in Switzerland (TASIS), Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe

Construction of a two-storey building to provide 16 student dormitory rooms with associated bathrooms, communal room with kitchen, dining room, laundry room and plant/workshop room, one 1 x bedroom and one 2-bed flat for ancillary school use.

The Committee was fully supportive of this application.

RESOLVED that

GRANT permission subject to conditions (condition 2 amended as per addendum), reasons and informatives listed on agenda, with two additional conditions as per addendum.

RU 19/1728

The Old Vicarage South, Longcross Road, Chertsey

The addition of a single -storey glass canopy to the rear elevation of the property.

No new salient planning points were raised by Members which were not addressed in the application report.

RESOLVED that

GRANT permission subject to conditions, reasons and informative listed on agenda.

CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS – CHERTSEY AND EGHAM TOWN CENTRE

The approval of the Committee was sought to updated Conservation Area Appraisals and associated amendments to the existing Conservation Areas at Chertsey and Egham Town Centre.

At the Planning Committee on 11 September 2019 when considering the draft Conservation Area Appraisal for Chertsey and the associated revisions to the boundaries of the Conservation Area, the Committee recommended further revisions to the Conservation Area boundary which included the retention of an area to the south along Guildford Street and the inclusion of an additional area of land comprising a former burial ground along Alwyns Lane. The draft Conservation Area Appraisal and boundary had been amended to reflect these proposed revisions. The Council had undertaken additional public consultation to advise those properties affected by these recommended boundary changes and the updated Chertsey Conservation Area Draft Appraisal and Designation Report underwent public consultation from 5 December - 20 January 2020.

At the same meeting, the Committee also noted recommended changes to the Egham Town Centre Conservation Area boundary and agreed that these revisions would be made subject to further public consultation. The Council had undertaken additional public consultation to advise those properties affected by these recommended boundary changes and the updated Egham Conservation Area Draft Appraisal and Designation Report underwent public consultation from 5 December - 20 January 2020.

Consultation responses received in respect of the Conservation Area Appraisals for Egham Town Centre and Chertsey had now been fully considered by Officers and a summary of the consultation responses received and Officer responses was considered by the Committee.

The Committee noted that the appraisals of Chertsey and Egham Town Centre would provide up to date information which would ensure that both existing and emerging Local Plan policies were properly informed and sufficiently robust to assist the Council in making decisions on future planning applications for new developments within or affecting the setting of the Conservation Areas in question.

The Committee approved the draft Conservation Area Appraisals for Egham Town Centre and Chertsey and the associated amendments to the boundary of these Conservation Areas. Maps identifying the existing and proposed Conservation Area boundaries for Chertsey and Egham Town Centre were circulated

RESOLVED that:

the content of the updated Conservation Area Appraisals and new Conservation Area boundaries for Chertsey and Egham Town Centre, as technical planning guidance be approved subject to the Local Planning Authority giving notice locally and to the Secretary of State and Historic England under section 70 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and placing advertisements in the London Gazette and the local newspaper.

(The meeting ended at 8. 31 pm)

Chairman