Runnymede Borough Council

PLANNING COMMITTEE

23 September 2020 at 6.30pm via MS Teams

Members ofCouncillors M Willingale (Chairman), I Chaudhri,Committee presentM Cressey,M Harnden, C Howorth, R King,M Kusneraitis, I Mullens, M Nuti, P Snow, J SohiS Whyte and J Wilson

Members of the Committee absent:

Councillors Anderson-Bassey and J Broadhead

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.

Group	Remove	Appoint instead
Runnymede Independent Residents'	Cllr Gill	Cllr Harnden

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 2 September 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Anderson-Bassey.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

PLANNING APPLICATION

The planning application listed below was considered by the Committee. All representations received on the application were reported and copies had been made available for inspection by Members before the meeting. The Addendum had also been published on the Council's website on the day of the meeting and sent to all Members. There were no public speakers.

RESOLVED that –

the following application be determined as indicated: -

APP NO LOCATION, PROPOSAL AND DEISION

RU 20/0952 Thames Retreat, 141 Chertsey Lane, Stainesupon-Thames

Retrospective application for planning permission for the retention of external spiral staircases to units 19 and 22 to access the roof terraces.

Some Members commented on the impact of the balconies and staircases on the visual and residential amenities of the occupiers of adjacent neighbouring properties including occupiers within and outside the site, particularly Temple Gardens by overlooking. Some comment was also made on the potential for future proliferation of staircases on other units on the site.

The CHDMBC confirmed that as there was already permission in place for the caravans it was only the merits of the staircases leading to the balconies which were for consideration under this application

Officers advised that plots 19 and 22 were located a sufficient distance from the boundary with the nearest residential properties in Temple Gardens. Whilst there might be views of the staircases and balconies from the rear garden of the properties in Temple Gardens it was considered that there would be no harm to the outlook or visual amenities of these neighbours or harmful impact on privacy. As regards other occupiers on the site ,Officers considered that although there might be some overlooking to other caravans it was considered that given the limited nature of the staircase and balconies and the general nature of caravan sites that the amenities of existing and future residents of the caravan park would still be to an acceptable standard. As the development was modest, there was no harm which justified refusal of the application

Control over any future proposals for staircases on other units would be exercised through the planning process and require submission of a planning application which would be considered on its merits.

RESOLVED that:

The Corporate Head of Development Management and Building Control be authorised to GRANT permission subject to the conditions, reasons and informative listed on the agenda.

INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY & PRIORITISATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMMENT (SPD) ADOPTION

This item was withdrawn by officers with the agreement of the Chairman under Standing Order 27.7 and would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee

(The meeting ended at 7.12 pm)

(Chairman)