



**West/Central Area Committee
(City Councillors representing Castle, Market
and Newnham Wards)
10 May 2007 7:30pm –8.55pm
Minutes & Actions**

Present: Councillors: Marie-Louise Holland, Simon Kightley (Vice Chair in the Chair), Tania Zmura (Castle Ward), Mike Dixon, Colin Rosenstiel and Joye Rosenstiel (Market Ward), Rod Cantrill, Sian Reid and Julie Smith (Newnham Ward)
County Councillor: A Reid (Newnham)

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07/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillors Gaynor Griffiths (Market) and David White (Castle)

Jesus Green refurbishment: bid for Lottery funding –

The Committee received a presentation from Sarah Tovell regarding a public consultation due to commence on 19th May. Residents Groups would be notified. The results of the consultation would be reported to the next Area Committee prior to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 19th July.

Cllr J Rosenstiel asked the officers to ensure that there was publicity before the May Week celebrations about expected standards for use of the Green regarding BBQs and disposal of litter.

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The Committee noted that the consultation would cover the use of the River and improvements to the swimming pool.

Section 106 (s106) funding for parks and open spaces – Committee received a presentation regarding a city-wide consultation due to commence (ending in August) on suggestions for s106 funded projects for parks and open spaces. The consultation results would be reported to Committee in the autumn. Details of the consultation can be found at

www.cambridge.gov.uk/improvemyneighbourhood

and/or leaflets can be requested from Justin Marsh, Recreation Officer (Growth Projects) 01223 457537.

Public questions

1. Parking in Adams Road – In spite of heavy traffic, parking is allowed on both sides. What has to be done to make it safe for pedestrians and cyclists?

Cllr S Reid referred to a County Council review of commuter parking due to be reported to the Cambridge Environment & Transport Area Joint Committee on 16 July.

The Committee noted that the questioner had undertaken a survey four years ago when alternate day parking on alternate sides of the road was a popular local suggestion. Now however, the questioner believed a continuous single yellow line on both sides of the road would be the preferred.

Enhanced cycling provision was due on Adams Road from the improvements to the University West Cambridge site.

2. Recent planning officer reports have compared favourably applications being reviewed with earlier applications that have been rejected. How can earlier applications have any legitimate relevance to a current one? If an applicant sought a gross development that was rejected, does this make a bad proposal good.

The Planning Officer advised the member of the public, that the site history was relevant. The current application was assessed against the same criteria (as previous).

In discussion Cllr Holland asked for an explanation on how the Conservation and Design Panel and Conservation Officers became involved in the planning application process.

Conservation and Design Team

07/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Prejudicial Code of Conduct interests in Planning Applications were declared as follows. The Councillor indicated left the room, took no part in the discussion and did not vote on the application referred to.

Councillor	Application	Nature of Interest
Smith	07/0227/FUL	Known to an objector

Code of Conduct personal interests in Planning Applications were declared as follows:

Councillor	Application	Nature of interest
Kightley	06/1251/FUL	Employee of NIAB which was close to the application site.

07/19 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

07/20 MATTERS ARISING

Re Minute Number 07/09: Fixed Penalty Notices – fly posting.

An enforcement officer reported back following the debate at the last meeting about the number of local notices/fly posters/adverts on displayed in the West/Central area. Committee was advised that the Council does not have to prove that the owner of a premises knew that a notice was displayed.

Officers acknowledged that noticeboards were valued and would be looking to erect them in neighbourhoods. For the time being however, illegal notices would be removed.

The Anti-Social Behaviour team provided a list of where the public can put up notices legally. Cllr S Reid asked that this information be placed on the website.

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07/21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Full details of the decisions, conditions of permissions and reasons for refusal may be inspected in the Environment and Planning Department, including those which the committee delegated to the Head of Development Control to draw up.

These minutes should be read in conjunction with the reports on applications to the committee, where the conditions to the approved applications or reasons for refusal are set out in full and with the Amendment Sheet issued at the meeting. Any amendments to the recommendations are shown in the minutes.

- 1 **APPLICATION NO:** 06/01251/FUL
SITE: Travellers Rest, Huntingdon Road (Castle)
PROPOSAL: Two storey 20 bedroom hotel block.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve subject to satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 30 June 2007, conditions and informatives.
APPLICANT: Whitbread Group PLC, Dunstable, Beds
PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Mr Don Proctor (for objector), Mr Brooker (for the applicant)

If the application was to be approved, the Committee

agreed that a re-wording of Conditions 5 & 6 would be needed to refer to residential amenity.

DECISION: Approved (by 8 votes to 1)

Amended Condition 5 - In the interests of residential amenity and visual amenity and to ensure that suitable hard and soft landscaping is provided as part of the development. (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 policies P1/3 and Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policies 3/4, 3/11 and 3/12).

Amended Condition 6 - To ensure provision, establishment and maintenance of a reasonable standard of landscaping in accordance with the approved design and in the interests of residential amenity. (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 policies P1/3 and Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policies 3/4, 3/11 and 3/12).

- 2 APPLICATION NO:** 07/0227/FUL
SITE: 20 Wilberforce Road (Newnham)
PROPOSAL: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to house.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve subject to conditions
APPLICANT: Ray Frith and Penny Day, 20 Wilberforce Road
PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Mr Patman (objector), Ms Day (applicant)

The Planning Officer referred to the amendment sheet and that a further representation had been received from 35 Madingley Road.

DECISION: Approved (by 7 votes to 1)

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Chair