

**NORTH AREA COMMITTEE**

20 March 2014  
6.30 - 7.10 pm

**Present:** Councillors Pitt (Chair), Tunnacliffe (Vice-Chair), Abbott, Boyce, Bird, Gawthrope, Kerr, O'Reilly, Price, Todd-Jones and Ward

County Councillor Manning

**Officers:**

Principal Planning Officer: Tony Collins

Committee Manager: Toni Birkin

<b>FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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**14/15/NAC Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Scutt.

**14/16/NAC Declarations of Interest (Planning)**

Item	Councillor	Interest
12/19/NAC	Pitt	Personal: has had contact with the objector on an unrelated issue.

**14/17/NAC Minutes (Planning)**

The Minutes for the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**14/18/NAC Planning Items****14/19/NAC 13/1720/FUL Broadmeadows Manhattan Drive Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB4 1JS**

The Committee received an application for full planning permission.

The application sought approval for the provision of an additional storey to the existing 3 storey building to provide 2 x one bedroom and 6 x studio flats. The

installation of on-site renewable energy technology in the form of air to water source heat pumps on the new roof to the building. The installation of 12 no. new bicycle spaces and provision of a roof to cover 14 no. existing bicycle spaces.

The Committee received a representation in objection to the application from Becky Allen and Mark Goodson.

The representation covered the following issues:

- i. Application information on the website had omitted details of two objections.
- ii. Proposed changes to planting would not provide adequate screening.
- iii. An opportunity to improve the natural environment was being missed.

John Muir (Agent) addressed the Committee on behalf of the applicant and in support of the application.

Councillor Tunnacliffe proposed and Councillor Pitt seconded the following amendment:

The following wording to be added to condition 8: **Which shall include trees which are permitted to grow to maturity.**

On a show of hands (3 votes to 6), the amendment was lost.

**Resolved (by 10 votes to 0)** to grant the application for planning permission in accordance with officer recommendation, for the reasons set out in the officer report, subject to the conditions recommended by the officers.

**14/20/NAC 13/1770/FUL -Chesterton House Church Street Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB4 1DT**

The Committee received an application for full planning permission.

The application sought approval for the sub division of Chesterton House curtilage to form a new planning unit, erection of single storey dwelling and associated infrastructure and works including new boundary wall. Alterations to existing boundary wall to form new vehicular and pedestrian entrance.

The Committee received a representation in objection to the application from Councillor Manning who spoke as a Ward Councillor and on behalf of Old Chesterton Residents' association.

The representation covered the following issues:

- iv. There is an existing scheme looking at the area for cycle safety and this has not been considered.
- v. The Highways Bid should be considered as a material consideration.
- vi. Physical access to the site is unsafe.
- vii. Contravenes 3.7a and 3.7b of the local plan in relation to dropped kerbs.
- viii. Should be refused as this is a Conservation Area, section 4.11c of the Local Plan.

Matt Hare (Agent) and Peter Carter addressed the Committee on behalf of the applicant and in support of the application.

The Committee considered access issues, cycle safety and predicted access and egress rates.

**Resolved (by 9 votes to 1)** to grant the application for planning permission in accordance with officer recommendation, for the reasons set out in the officer report, subject to the conditions recommended by the officers.

### **14/21/NAC 13/1860/FUL - Recreation Ground Nuns Way Cambridge Cambridgeshire**

The Committee received an application for full planning permission.

The application sought approval for the partial removal of an existing, natural gravel BMX track, with plastic ramps atop. Construction of a new reinforced concrete skatepark and new, natural gravel BMX track with associated landscaping. Change of use: There is no change of use for the BMX track. The new skatepark will remain within the similar area of activity.

This application was brought to Committee as it was a City Council application.

The Committee welcomed the proposals.

**Resolved (by 10 votes to 0)** to grant the application for planning permission in accordance with officer recommendation, for the reasons set out in the officer report, subject to the conditions recommended by the officers.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm

**CHAIR**