Cambridge City Council

PLANNING - PRE-APPLICATION DEVELOPER PRESENTATIONS

To: Councillors Stuart (Chair), Blencowe (Vice-Chair), Brown, Dryden, Hipkin, Marchant-Daisley, Saunders and Tunnacliffe

Alternate Councillors: Herbert and Tucker

Despatched: Monday, 1 July 2012

Date: Wednesday, 25 July 2012
Time: 12.00 pm
Venue: Committee Room 1 & 2 - Guildhall
Contact: James Godard **Direct Dial:** 01223 457015

AGENDA

Councillor attendance

Whilst any subsequent planning application relating to this site will be determined by the Planning Committee, all Councillors are invited to attend and take part in this pre-application developer presentation.

Purpose of the meeting

These meetings allow developers an early opportunity to present proposals for future planning applications to elected members of the Council.

The process allows Councillors to feed into the process at an early stage and raise any questions or concerns that can then be addressed by the developer prior to a formal planning application being submitted.

Whilst the meetings will be held in public, they do not form part of the formal decision making process. All planning applications will be determined in line with formal processes as adopted by Cambridge City Council.

Format of the Meeting

For each Briefing:

- Introduction by the Head of Planning Services or a Senior Planning Officer – up to 10 minutes

- Presentation by the developer of the proposal – up to 30 minutes

- Opportunity for Members to ask questions, raise issues, seek clarification, comment on the apparent positive and less positive aspects of the proposal – up to 40 minutes

During this part of the meeting it is important that Councillors who may ultimately make the decision on any subsequent planning application do not feel unduly constrained by what they can ask or raise. However they should avoid expressing views that might give any appearance that they are approaching the proposal with a closed mind. The discussion should not be used for negotiations with the developer. These should take place with officers separately from the meeting. Members of the public must refrain from entering into the discussion at the meeting.

- Summing up – up to 10 minutes

A Planning Department representative will take notes of the meeting, which will be a summary of the proceedings. Nothing said by Councillors at the meeting will in any way be binding on the Committee that subsequently determines the application. The notes will be uploaded to the City Council's website upon completion.

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3 PRE-APPLICATION BRIEFING BY THE DEVELOPER - (RANCH PUBLIC HOUSE, HISTON ROAD)

Approx: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

The presentation will be held following completion of the main Planning Committee on 25th July.

<u>The redevelopment of the Ranch Public House on Histon Road</u>

The proposal is for new student accommodation blocks to serve Lucy Cavendish College students. The scheme is in its early stages and involves the demolition and loss of the pub and significant new student units on the frontage going back into the site.

The developers wish to present a draft scheme to Members for some feedback.

Information for the public

Public attendance
You are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer.

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