

NORTH AREA COMMITTEE29 April 2010
6.30 - 8.25 pm**Those Present for the Consideration of Applications for Planning Permission****City Councillors:** Blair, Boyce, Kerr, Levy, McGovern, Nimmo-Smith, Pitt, Upstone and Ward**Other Councillors Present:** None**Officers:** Sarah Dyer (Principal Development Control Manager) and James Goddard (Committee Manager)**Those Present for the Remainder of the Meeting****City Councillors:** Blair, Boyce, Kerr, Levy, McGovern, Nimmo-Smith, Pitt, Todd-Jones, Upstone and Ward**Officers:** James Goddard (Committee Manager) and Wendy Lansdown (Neighbourhood Panel Liaison Officer)**County Councillors:** None**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****10/19/NAC Apologies for Absence****City Councillors:** Armstrong and Liddle have stepped down.**County Councillors:** None.**10/20/NAC Declarations of Interest (Planning)**

Councillor	Item	Interest
Boyce and Nimmo-Smith	10/21	Personal – A Liberal Democrat candidate board is positioned outside of Hawthorn Way, but not by Councillor Boyce.

Nimmo-Smith	10/21	Personal – General discussion of 22 Leys Road application with neighbour.
Upstone	10/21	Personal – Previously owned one of the properties in Green Park

10/21/NAC Planning Applications

These minutes and the appendix 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.

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

3a

Site Address: Old Manor House, St Andrews Road, Cambridge
Application Number: 09/1184/FUL:
Proposal: Change of use from offices to day nursery
Applicant: Hope Othieno
Case Officer: John Evans
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to conditions
Public Speaker: Hope Othieno - Applicant Kenny Forrest - Objector
Decision: DEFERRED (7 votes to 0) until next meeting of North Area Committee to allow for additional consultation to be carried out in relation to revision to the application to include a new access to the public highway.
Councillors Nimmo-Smith and Pitt did not participate in the decision making.

3b

Site Address: 9 and 11 and Land R/O 9-15 Green Park
Application Number: 10/0091/FUL
Proposal: Erection of 2 no 1bed flats and 5no terraced houses (4 2bed and 1 3bed) following demolition of 9 and 11 Green Park

Applicant: Simon Maddrell
Case Officer: Tony Collins
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to conditions
Public Speaker: Don Proctor - Agent
Decision: APPROVED (unanimously) as per Officers report subject to additional conditions as follows: Delete the words 'subject to the completion of a Section 106 agreement by 7 May 2010 and' from the recommendation. Councillors observed the site had been the subject of several applications. It was recognised that not all people would agree with the site being developed, but Councillors felt the latest design appears to have addressed previous issues. Councillor Upstone did not participate in the decision making.

3c

Site Address: 22 Leys Road
Application Number: 10/0015/FUL
Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension
Applicant: Paul Calleja
Case Officer: Marcus Shingler
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to conditions
Public Speaker: None
Decision: APPROVED (8 votes to 0) as per Officers report. Neighbours concerns about the application were addressed through amendments to the plan.

3d

Site Address: 56 Hawthorn Way Cambridge
Application Number: 10/0050/FUL
Proposal: Erection of a new three-bed dwelling on land to the rear of 56 Hawthorn Way
Applicant: Yousif Khalifa
Case Officer: Sophie Pain
Officer Recommendation: REFUSE
Public Speaker: Richard Bettison - Agent
Decision: REFUSED (7 votes to 1) as per Officers report.

3e

Site Address: Land between 34 and 35 Pakenham Close
Application Number: 09/1134/FUL
Proposal: Erection of two semi-detached houses
Applicant: George Lambert
Case Officer: Catherine Linford
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to conditions
Public Speaker: Julian Vargas - Applicant John Martin - Objector
Decision: APPROVED (5 votes to 2) as per Officers report subject to additional conditions as follows: S106 to be completed by 31 May 2010. In response to comments from the Petitioner and Councillors, the Principal Development Control Manager explained that she was not aware of any tree issues affecting the land between 34 and 35 Pakenham Close. If there were any legal considerations affecting trees on neighbouring sites, these were not relevant to this application in her view. Councillors discussed in detail the issues of lighting, vehicular access to Tuscan Court for emergency vehicles and refuse collection. The Principal Development Control Manager answered that loss of light on neighbours would not be significant, that an alternative indirect route was available for emergency vehicles which could not access via the site in any event because of the presence of bollards, and that the existing arrangement whereby bins are brought from Tuscan Court to Pakenham Close could be continued via the access way serving Tuscan Court.

10/22/NAC Declarations of Interest (Main Agenda)

None.

10/23/NAC Minutes

The minutes of the 4 March 2010 meeting were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Item 10/13 Matters Arising – “Action Point: Councillor Pitt to seek further details on Emmanuel Road crossing” to be amended to “Action Point: Councillor Moss-Eccardt to seek further details on Emmanuel Road crossing”. Post Meeting Note: Councillor Pellew is taking this item forward.
- Item 10/14 Open Forum Q1 – The Highways Authority, rather than the Highways Agency reported that one hundred and sixty five potholes are created a week.
- Item 10/14 Open Forum Q3 – Typographical error in spelling of Woodhead Drive.
- Item 10/14 Open Forum Q5 – Typographical error in spelling of Jas Lally.
- Item 10/15 Policing And Safer Neighbourhoods Q2 - Typographical error in spelling of Fen Road.

10/24/NAC Matters & Actions Arising from the Minutes

- **10/13 Matters Arising (from 10/07 Open Forum) “Action Point: Councillor Armstrong to invite Andrew Campbell or another Stagecoach representative to a future North Area Committee meeting”.**

Councillor Boyce met Mrs Armstrong and Mr Campbell during the afternoon of 29 April 2010. Mr Campbell was unable to commit to attending future North Area Committee meetings. However, he took on board concerns about bus services in Milton Road and undertook to follow up any concerns reported to him concerning bus services and driver conduct.

Councillor Boyce suggested forming a Milton Road group to monitor bus services and report their findings to Mr Campbell.

With reference to the issue of renovating unused bus stops raised at the last committee, Councillor Kerr said that one stop on Union Lane has been removed, but a second is still in-situ. The stops are redundant as there is no bus service.

- **10/14 Open Forum Q4 “Richard Taylor – Expressed concern over Arbury Road/Riverside cycle lane”.**

Councillor Blair is a member of the Area Joint Committee. The Area Joint Committee is considering a number of projects that will be consulted upon over the summer, and timetabled for implementation in the autumn. It is

anticipated that £48,000 will be allocated through the projects. County officers will be making a report on schemes to the next Area Joint Committee.

Councillor Blair offered to forward details of the schemes to Councillor Todd-Jones.

- **10/14 Open Forum Q6 “Lil Speed – Expressed concern over cars parking on verges in Kendal Way”.**

Discussion held between the City Council Enforcement Team, Planning Team, Trading Standards and the Police. The situation will be monitored, but only the Enforcement Team are expecting to undertake enforcement action unless parked vehicles become an obstruction or a business starts operating in the area.

10/25/NAC Open Forum

Q1) Michael Bond – Advised the Committee of events in Chesterton:

- **On 14th May Old Chesterton Residents' Association is holding its AGM at St Andrew's Hall and will have a number of City Council officers in attendance to answer questions on various aspects of open space in Chesterton. There is great local interest in the new areas of land adjacent the river coming into the public domain and it would seem appropriate have some signage to indicate to local residents that the space is theirs and indicating the various access routes to it. We would also like to ensure that access is not constrained by inappropriate barriers and reflects the way people move around the village.**
- **The Chesterton Festival will run from 25 to 28 June 2010 with events at Brown's Field, Chesterton Recreation Ground, the Methodist Church and St George's Church supported by local business, the City Council and White House Arts.**

A) Members thanked Mr Bond for the update and supported his comments on access routes concerning land adjacent the river.

Q2) Mr Rawlinson – Expressed a vote of thanks to the Committee from the residents of Garry Drive. However, some damage has already occurred to the bushes planted as part of the Environmental improvement Project.

A) Councillor Pitt apologised for the delay in starting of the project.

Q3) Tish Berkley – Expressed concern over parking issues in Green End Road. She and neighbours cannot afford dropped curbs, so suggested open weave (on grass) parking or alternative parking in Scarsdale Close.

A) Councillor Blair offered to meet Tish Berkley outside of the meeting to visit the area and review the parking situation.

Councillor Levy observed that open weave parking was not always practical as the grass frequently died.

Councillor Upstone observed that Street Car had opened a new car club in Cambridge, which may help reduce the pressure on parking.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

CHAIR