

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

30 May 2012  
11.00 am - 12.35 pm

**Present:** Councillors Blencowe (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Dryden, Hipkin, Marchant-Daisley, Saunders and Tunnacliffe

**Officers:** Angela Briggs (Senior Planning Officer), Guy Belcher (Nature Conservation Officer), Tony Collins (Principal Planning Officer), Patsy Dell (Head of Planning Services), Sarah Dyer (City Development Manager), James Goddard (Committee Manager) and Penny Jewkes (Legal Advisor)

<b>FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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**12/27/PLAN Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown and Stuart.

**12/28/PLAN Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item	Interest
Councillor Dryden	12/30/PLANa	Personal: Knows applicant, Cllr Ashton
Councillor Saunders	12/31/PLANa	Personal: Member of Cambridge Past, Present & Future
Councillor Saunders	12/31/PLANa	Personal: Attended Transition Cambridge meetings

**12/29/PLAN Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2012 will be approved at a future meeting.

**12/30/PLAN Planning Applications**

**12/30/PLANa 11/1064/FUL: Paradise Land Nature Reserve, Newnham**

The Committee received an application for full planning permission.

The application sought approval for earthworks to enhance the riparian habitats on Paradise Local Nature Reserve. Proposals involve the removal of existing vegetation and top soil to re-wet the marsh and enhance biodiversity.

The Committee:

**Resolved (unanimously)** to accept the officer recommendation to approve planning permission as per the agenda.

Reasons for Approval

1. This development has been approved, conditionally, because subject to those requirements it is considered to conform to the Development Plan as a whole, particularly the following policies:

East of England plan 2008: ENV6

Cambridge Local Plan (2006): 3/2, 3/3, 3/9, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 4/4, 4/6, 4/8, 4/11, 4/16

2. The decision has been made having had regard to all other material planning considerations, none of which was considered to have been of such significance as to justify doing other than grant planning permission.

These reasons for approval can be a summary of the reasons for grant of planning permission only. For further details on the decision please see the officer report online at [www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess) or visit our Customer Service Centre, Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY between 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

### **12/30/PLANb 12/0357/FUL 23 March Lane**

The Committee received an application for full planning permission.

The application sought approval for a single storey front extension to house at 23 March Lane.

The Committee:

**Resolved (unanimously)** to accept the officer recommendation to approve planning permission as per the agenda.

#### Reasons for Approval

1. This development has been approved, conditionally, because subject to those requirements it is considered to conform to the Development Plan as a whole, particularly the following policies:

East of England plan 2008: ENV7

Cambridge Local Plan (2006): 3/4, 3/7, 3/14

2. The decision has been made having had regard to all other material planning considerations, none of which was considered to have been of such significance as to justify doing other than grant planning permission.

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#### **12/31/PLAN      Tree Items**

#### **12/31/PLANa Tree Works - Empty Common Allotments**

The Committee received an application to undertake works to trees growing on land at the southern end of Empty Common Allotments.

The Committee received a representation in objection to the application from Ms O'Marny (representing Empty Common residents).

The representation covered the following issues:

- (i) Took issue with Officer's recommendation to undertake tree work in an important wildlife corridor. This would impact on the woodland.
- (ii) Raised concern over the consultation process.
- (iii) Raised concern over perceived lack of time to object to tree works.

- (iv) Took issue with Officer's report concerning demand for allotments.

The Committee received a representation in support of the application from Mr Cray (representing ACRE residents).

The representation covered the following issues:

- (i) Supported Officer's recommendation to undertake tree work, as this would improve the biodiversity of the area. Transition Cambridge, ACRE and City Officers jointly developed the proposals.
- (ii) Stated there was a demand for allotments.

The Committee:

**Resolved (by 4 votes to 1, with 1 abstention)** to accept the officer recommendation and advise the Executive Councillor for Arts, Sports and Public Places that the Committee supports the proposal to fell the trees. Subject to appropriate planting of replacement native and fruit trees in new positions at the same location.

## **12/32/PLAN      Planning Applications**

### **12/32/PLAN a 11-0902-REM Planning Appeal Concerning 171 - 211 Cromwell Road**

#### **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Item 6a was deemed to contain exempt information. The Planning Committee was recommended to exclude members of the public from the meeting on the grounds that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

The Committee received a report concerning 171 - 211 Cromwell Road reserved matters submission refused at Planning Committee on 8 February 2012. An appeal has been lodged against this decision.

The Committee:

**Resolved (by 4 votes to 2)** to accept the officer recommendation to amend the Council's case at appeal in line with the Officer's recommendations.

The meeting ended at 12.35 pm

**CHAIR**