

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

9 January 2012

7.30 - 8.50 pm

Present: Councillors Taylor (Chair), Blackhurst (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Dryden, McPherson, Stuart and Swanson

County Councillor Heathcock

Officers Present:

Principal Planning Officer – Toby Williams

Planning Officer – Amit Patel

Senior Conservation and Design Officer – Susan Smith

Committee Manager – Martin Whelan

12/1/SAC Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Al Bander, Councillor Pippas and County Councillor Carter.

12/2/SAC Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

12/3/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

12/4/SAC Declarations of Interest

Councillor Blackhurst declared a personal interest in item 12/SAC/7, due to knowing the applicant socially.

12/5/SAC Open Forum

Mr Kent addressed the committee and raised the following concerns

- i. The quality of the paving outside of the garages on Bridewell Road. Particular concerns were raised about the uneven nature of the slabs and the risk of tripping.
- ii. The number of lights out in the Bridewell Road area, and the potential for lights to be removed.

Councillor Heathcock responded to the question initially

- i. The process for light maintenance was outlined and it was suggested that the specific issue highlighted should be raised with Chris Boston at the County Council.
- ii. It was noted that the responsibility for footpath maintenance was not always clear, with county and city council having responsibility, however due to the proximity of the street lights it was suggested that it was likely to be a county council responsibility. It was suggested that issues should be raised with Jonathon Clarke at the County Council.

Councillor Dryden expressed concerned about the proposed removals and agreed to raise the issues with the County Council. It was noted that one of the lampposts had been previously erected following a public petition.

Mr Hyams expressed concern about the quality of the passage between Desmond Avenue and the High Street. It was noted that the tarmac was damaged, and presented a trip hazard. Mr Hyams explained that he had previously raised the issue with the City Council, who had agreed to resolve the situation but to date no progress had been made. Councillors Dryden and McPherson to progress outside of the meeting.

12/6/SAC New Town & Glisson Road Conservation Area Review and Hills Road Suburbs and Approaches Study

The Senior Conservation and Design Officer presented a report covering the New Town and Glisson Road Conservation Area Review and Hills Road Suburbs and Approaches Study.

The committee welcomed the two documents and made the following comments

- i. The quality of the documents was welcomed.
- ii. Clarification was requested on the process for buildings being designated as buildings of local interest. The committee were advised of the process and it was explained that the Director of Environment was responsible for authorising any additions to the list.
- iii. A view was expressed that it was hoped that these documents could provide planners with a robust basis to retain the traditional character of areas.

The committee thanked the Senior Conservation and Design Officer for bringing the report.

12/7/SAC 11/0916/FUL 85 Bishops Road

The committee received an application for full planning permission for the construction of a new two storey, two bedroom detached house in garden of existing house.

The committee received a representation from Dr Stephen Brown, the applicant in support of the application.

Resolved

- i. (0 votes to 6) to reject the officer recommendation.
- ii. (Unanimously) to approve the application contrary to officer recommendation, and to delegate the finalisation of the conditions to Chair and Spokes.

12/8/SAC Hills Road Sixth Form College Sports Ground, Sedley Taylor Road, Cambridge

The committee received an application to discharge condition 15 for 11/0900/FUL to approve the travel plan.

The Chair agreed to vary the public speaking scheme to allow each party up to four minutes.

Professor Mutheisus, on behalf of the local residents, spoke in objection to the recommendation to approve the plan. She made the following points

- i. The travel plan is incomplete and inconsistent, and lacks reference to monitoring, enforcement or review systems.
- ii. Lack of definition of community and commercial use, and associated predicted levels of use. A request was made for the insertion of a clause restricting the level of use.

Alleged shortcomings in the process associated with the level of use clause with regards to the original permission were highlighted.

Mrs Linda Sinclair, on behalf of the college spoke in support of the application.

Resolved (Unanimously) to discharge condition 15 in accordance with the officer recommendation subject to the following amendments:

- i: The amendment of the Travel Plan to provide a named contact and telephone number at the College in relation to any aspect of its operation/implementation.
- ii: The amendment of the Travel Plan to include a clause that it will be reviewed 12 months from occupation of the Pavilion in agreement with the Local Planning Authority.
- iii: The amendment of the Travel Plan and appendices to remove all reference to the number of car parking spaces.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

CHAIR