

JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE: CAMBRIDGE FRINGES

13 June 2012
10.30 - 11.00 am

Present: Councillors Blencowe, Dryden, Reid, Smart, Tucker, Shepherd, Corney, Harford, Kindersley, Nightingale, Shelton, Reynolds and Wotherspoon

Officers Present:

Ann Barnes (Principal Planning Officer – County)
Sharon Brown (New Neighbourhoods Development Manager – City)
Patsy Dell (Head of Planning Services – City)
Ian Dyer (Highways Officer - County)
Penny Jewkes (Legal Advisor – City)
Martin Whelan (Committee Manager– City)

12/27/JDCC Election of Chair and Vice Chair, Plus Nomination of Spokes

The Committee Manager opened the meeting and invited nominations for Chair.

The following nominations were received

- Councillor Reid proposed by Councillor Smart
- Councillor Bard proposed by Councillor Shelton

On a show of hands, Councillor Bard was elected by 7 votes to 6 votes.

Due to the absence of the Chair, the Committee Manager invited nominations for Vice Chair.

The following nominations were received

- Councillor Reid proposed by Councillor Smart
- Councillor Blencowe proposed by Councillor Dryden

On a show of hands, Councillor Blencowe was elected by 7 votes to 6 votes.

The committee noted the appointments of the three councils for the role of spokes.

- Cambridge City Council – Councillor Reid
- Cambridgeshire County Council – Councillor Kenney
- South Cambridgeshire District Council – Councillor Corney

12/28/JDCC Apologies

Apologies were received from

Cambridge City Council	None
Cambridgeshire County Council	Councillors Kenney, Orgee and Pegram
South Cambridgeshire District Council	Councillor Bard

12/29/JDCC Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kindersley	12/30/JDCC	Personal – County Councillor for the area including Trumpington Meadows.
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12/30/JDCC Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2012 were approved.

12/31/JDCC C/5001/12/CC Fawcett County Primary School, Alpha Terrace, Trumpington

The committee received an application for the erection of 6 Bay Mobile Classroom and 1 Bay Toilet until end of August 2017, and erection and

permanent retention of 30 space cycle shelter at Fawcett County Primary School, Alpha Terrace, Trumpington.

The committee noted the amendment sheet, which made the following changes to the office recommendation.

The first sentence of Para 7.3 amend to read:

'Further discussion has clarified that the objection raised by Highways Development Control can be addressed if two child crossing signs were placed 10 metres in front of the entry gate to the CPD Centre, and two further signs placed approximately 10 metres inside the facility (to be viewed by traffic leaving the Centre).'

Para 7.4, amend to read:

'Highways Development Control has also requested an additional planning condition to be attached in the interests of Highway Safety, this relates to keeping the manoeuvring area free of obstruction.'

Lisa Skinner (agent for the applicant) addressed the committee in support of the application.

Members sought clarification on the following issues

- i. Would the route from the classrooms to the toilet block be covered? The representative of the County Council advised that it was likely to be an open un-covered ramp. Some Members expressed concern about the appropriateness of this arrangement although it was also noted that the distance between the two buildings was very short.
- ii. Pre-existing traffic problems in the immediate vicinity of the application were highlighted, and it was strongly suggested that this should be considered in the determination of the application. The County Council Highways Officer explained that it was projected that the proposals in the application would not have a significant negative effect on traffic issues in the area. The County case officer also explained that the additional classrooms would accommodate a maximum of 60 children.

The committee resolved (unanimously) to:

Approve subject to

- The conditions as per the committee report with the following amendments

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Reasons

The proposed mobile classrooms and toilets are needed in the short term to accommodate the school children who will in due course attend the new Trumpington Meadows School; and in the medium term to cater for the forecast rise in pupil numbers pending the permanent extension of Fawcett School.

In summary, the proposal is in accordance with national planning guidance and the Development Plan, including local parking and cycle standards. The scale and nature of the mobile classrooms are not out of context with their setting, and visual impact will be minimal. No local objections have been raised by neighbours, and the safety concerns raised by the County Councils Highways Development Control service can be satisfied through a relevant scheme and planning condition. It is concluded that there are no outstanding land use planning reasons, which have not been satisfactorily addressed, and it is therefore recommended that this planning application be approved.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am

CHAIR

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