

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

3 June 2015

Present: Councillor Lea in the Chair.

Councillors Bell, L Dirveiks, Henney, Humphreys, Jarvis, Jenns, Jones, Lewis, Morson, Phillips, Simpson, Smitten, Sweet and A Wright.

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Moss

Councillors Chambers, Clews, Davey, N Dirveiks and Waters were also in attendance. With the consent of the Chairman Councillor Clews spoke on Minute No 3 Planning Applications (Application No 2015/0007 - Queen Elizabeth Academy, Witherley Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1LZ).

1 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Jarvis declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No 3 Planning Applications (Application No 2015/0007 - Queen Elizabeth Academy, Witherley Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1LZ) left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Morson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 3 Planning Applications (Application No 2015/0007 - Queen Elizabeth Academy, Witherley Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1LZ) by reason of being a member of the County Council's Regulatory Committee and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 9 March and 13 April 2015, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Planning Applications**

The Head of Development Control submitted a report for the consideration of the Board. Details of correspondence received since the publication of the agenda is attached as a schedule to these minutes.

Resolved:

- a** That in respect of Application No 2015/0007 (Queen Elizabeth Academy, Witherley Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1LZ)
- i)** The Borough Council welcomes the opportunities to be provided through the redevelopment of the QE School campus and thus supports the principle of new school buildings;
 - ii)** However it is not considered that the current proposals provide the best planning outcome and thus strongly objects to the detail on the following grounds. The proposals will substantially affect the openness of the setting of the present school campus to the detriment of the whole community. Moreover the design and appearance of the new buildings is poor, not reflecting any of the local character or distinctiveness of the town; the setting of the old school buildings. It will also materially have an adverse impact on the residential amenity of nearby residential property. As such the proposals do not accord with policies NW10, NW12 and NW13 of the North Warwickshire Core Strategy 2014;
 - iii)** Moreover the Borough Council strongly objects to the substantial lack of forethought given to the future of the site as the town grows further in line with the Core Strategy. This affects not only the possible extension of the buildings proposed but also extends to all of its associated and supporting infrastructure. The proposals do not accord with Policy NW18 of the Core Strategy; and
 - iv)** As a consequence the Borough Council considers that the re-location of the new school building to another location on the campus is required and therefore urgently requests that officers from our respective Authorities are asked to pursue other options.
- b** That Application No 2015/0210 (Lynbrook, Blythe Road, Coleshill, B46 1AH) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control;

[Speaker Mrs Parsons]

- c That Application No 2015/0197 (The Paddock, Birmingham Road, Ansley) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control;**
- d That Application No 2015/0205 (9, High Street, Hurley, CV9 2NQ) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control;**
- e That Application No 2015/0229 (Woodcorner Farm, Green End Road, Green End - Fillongley, CV7 8EP) be refused for the following reasons**

“The site lies in the Green belt. The proposal is inappropriate development in this location. It is not considered that the material planning considerations put forward by the applicant are of sufficient weight to override the harm caused by this inappropriateness. The proposals are thus contrary to policy NW3 of the North Warwickshire Core Strategy 2014 and to the NPPF 2012”; and
- f That Application No 2015/0294 (Land Adjacent to, 1 Princess Road, Atherstone) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control and that a meeting be arranged between Waterloo Housing and the Chairman and Design Champions to discuss design.**

J Lea
Chairman

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Additional Background Papers**

| Agenda Item | Application Number | Author | Nature | Date |
|-------------|--------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 4/38 | 2015/0210 | Applicant | Note | 15/5/15 |
| 5/46 | 2015/0229 | Smith Fillongley Parish Council CPRE | Representation No objection Representation | 21/5/15 22/5/15 23/5/15 |
| 6/53 | 2015/0294 | Atherstone Town Council | Representation | 2/6/15 |