

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

Present:

Councillor S Kelly (Chair)

Councillors S Foulkes B Kenny
H Gorman J Stewart Laing
K Hodson G McManus
C Baldwin Jason Walsh
M Booth

Deputy:

Councillor GJ Davies (In place of S Powell-Wilde)

38 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chair welcomed Members of the Planning Committee, Officers, members of the public and those watching the webcast to the meeting.

39 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor S Powell-Wilde, who was deputised by Councillor George Davies.

40 **MINUTES**

The Director of Law and Governance submitted the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14 September 2023.

Resolved – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14 September 2023 be approved.

41 **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Committee were asked whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any item on the agenda and if so, to declare them and state what they were.

No such declarations were made.

42 **APP/23/00227 - JACKSONS FURNITURE, 106 - 116 ST PAULS ROAD, SEACOMBE, WIRRAL, CH44 7AW DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING, FIRE DAMAGED, COMMERCIAL UNIT AND THE CONSEQUENT ERECTION IN ITS PLACE OF A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) DEVELOPMENT WITH A COMBINED TOTAL OF 36 BEDROOMS WITH A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 36 PERSONS**

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report of the Director of Regeneration and Place in relation to the above application for consideration.

Ward Councillor Paul Stuart addressed the Committee.

The Agent, Mr Harry Johnson addressed the Committee.

On a motion by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Kathy Hodson it was –

Resolved (unanimously) – That the application be refused on the following grounds:

The proposed development will result in more than 20% of the street frontage within the street block being occupied by HMOs which would be detrimental to the area and would fail to comply with policy HS14 of the Wirral Unitary Development Plan and policy WD7 of the draft Wirral Local Plan.
