

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 10 February 2022

Present: Councillor S Kelly (Chair)

Councillors S Foulkes P Stuart
K Hodson A Gardner
S Frost B Berry
AER Jones H Gorman
B Kenny

Deputy: Councillor A Wright (In place of M Jordan)

44 MINUTES

The Director of Law and Governance submitted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2021.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2021 be approved

45 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 application on the agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

46 **APP/21/01773; 35 MACDONA DRIVE, WEST KIRBY, CH48 3JH. LOFT EXTENSION TO INCORPORATE A REAR DORMER, FRONT AND REAR BALCONIES. INSTALLATION OF TWO, LARGER FIRST-FLOOR SOUTH FACING WINDOWS, ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING WINDOWS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS.**

The Director of Regeneration and Place submitted the above application for consideration.

The Applicant addressed the committee.

The Principal Planning Team Leader updated Members with suggested amended wording for conditions 2 and 3.

It was moved by Councillor K Hodson and seconded by Councillor S Foulkes that the application be approved subject to the following conditions.

The motion was put and carried (11:0).

Resolved (11:0) – That that application be approved with the following conditions:

- 1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.**
- 2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans received by the local planning authority on 11th January 2022 and listed as follows: PLANOPT 2 Revision F and in accordance with details of materials contained in the email received by the Council on 10/2/22.**
- 3. Prior to the first use of the room labelled Bedroom 1 on plan PLANOPT2 Revision F, the first-floor (south) windows facing towards 37 Macdona Drive shall be glazed with obscured glass and fixed shut up to 1.1m above the finished floor level of the room and thereafter be permanently retained as such.**
- 4. Prior to the first use of the rooms labelled Bedroom 2, Bedroom (within the new dormer extension) and the front balcony, all glass balustrades on plan labelled PLANOPT2 Revision F, shall be glazed with obscured glass and thereafter be permanently retained as such.**

47 DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE UPDATE- ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER 2021 AND 31 DECEMBER 2021.

The Director of Regeneration and Place submitted a report to update Members on the performance of the Development Management Service with regard to its planning enforcement activity for the period 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Members were informed that 77 new cases had been opened between 1 October and 31 December 2021 and that during this period 96 cases had reached a key milestone, 62% such cases had reached a key milestone within 13 weeks. During this period 111 cases had been closed.

The report outlined some examples of key successes achieved during this quarter which included upholding of enforcement notices in relation to Land at Slackwood, Riverview Road, Bromborough and at Thornton Manor, Thornton Hough. The report also referenced successful engagement with local representative groups in relation to the Council's approach to tree preservation and 17 retrospective planning applications that had been prompted by enforcement investigations.

The Chair noted that it would be useful to include the cumulative performance figures for the year shown in the report. The Assistant Director, Chief Planner agreed that this would be included in future reports.

On a motion by Cllr S Foulkes and seconded by the Chair, it was –

Resolved – That the report be noted.

48 **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE UPDATE - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Director of Regeneration and Place Submitted a report updating Members on the performance of the Development Management Service with regard to determining planning applications.

The report outlined performance against government targets in terms of the speed of processing all applications.

The Assistant Director, Chief Planner reported that the service had again surpassed the targets for all Major, Minor and Other categories of applications for Quarter 3 of 2021/22 which was the period 1 October to 31 December 2021 and that 90% of Major applications and 74% of Minor applications had been determined within 13 weeks (Major) and 8 weeks (Minor) or within the extended period agreed between the Council and the applicant.

It was further reported that 89% of Other applications had been determined within 8 weeks or within the extended period agreed between the Council and the applicant for the third quarter of 2021/22.

On a motion by the Chair and seconded by Council K Hodson, it was –

Resolved – That the report be noted.

49 **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE UPDATE- PLANNING APPEALS**

The Director for Regeneration and Place submitted a report to update Members on the performance of the Development Management Service regarding planning appeals, including the percentage of the Council's decisions overturned (on appeal) by the Planning Inspectorate.

The Assistant Director, Chief Planner reported that the national average for the number of appeals allowed is around 33% per year. During the third Quarter, 4 appeals had been allowed out of 10 appeals from a total of 33 appeal decisions, therefore this was comfortably under 33%. Details of the 4 appeals allowed were outlined in paragraph 3.5 of the report.

Details of the dismissed appeals for the third quarter were outlined in paragraph 3.6 of the report.

On a motion by the Chair and seconded by Councillor S Foulkes, it was –

Resolved – That the report be noted.