

PLANNING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2013

PRESENT: - Councillors Colin Lovell (Chair), Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Toby Elliott, Brian Ford, Dale Heenan, Richard Hurley, Nick Martin, Teresa Page, Nicky Sewell, Vera Tomlinson, Peter Watts and Keith Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Baker.

179. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

180. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2012, be confirmed and signed.

181. Public Question Time

There were no public questions

182. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information".

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph No.</u>
11	1 and 2

183. Determination of Planning and Related Applications

The Committee considered: -

- (a) Applications for permission to develop;
- (b) Recommendations of the Head of Planning.
- (c) The views of interested persons set out in the report circulated with the Committee Agenda;
- (d) The comments of the following interested persons:-

<u>App No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Organisation</u>
S/12/1492	Stephanie Exell	Haydon Wick Parish Council

Resolved – (1) That permission to develop be granted in respect of application numbered S/12/1492, subject to the conditions listed in the Committee Report.

(2) That advertisement consent be granted in respect of application numbered S/ADV/12/1683, subject to the conditions listed in the Committee Report.

184. Planning Performance and the 'Planning Guarantee'

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Sustainability and the Head of Planning submitted a joint report seeking to formalise a response to the Government consultation document "Planning Performance and the Planning Guarantee". The consultation document seeks views on what measures to use to assess each Local Authority's planning performance, how to performance is measured and a range of related measures to underpin the Government's "Planning Guarantee".

The report also details actions that the Council needs to undertake in readiness for the implementation of the Government's new planning performance regime.

Resolved – That the Committee:

(1) Agrees the response to the Government's consultation paper as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;

(2) Agrees the actions in paragraphs 3.14 and 3.21 of the report to ensure that the Council is actively monitoring its planning performance; and

(3) Notes that

- 70.6% of major applications in Swindon Borough are decided within 13 weeks, (the proposed Government target being 30%); and
- Only 2.7% of major planning application decisions in Swindon Borough over the last two years have been overturned on appeal.

185. Planning Agreements

The Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a report concerning the current position in relation to Planning Agreements authorised by the Committee, or by officers under delegated powers, which need to be completed before planning permission can be issued. The report also sets out details relating to Unilateral Planning Obligations ("Unilateral Undertakings") accepted in lieu of Planning Agreements.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

186. Enforcement

The Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a report concerning the current position in relation to enforcement action authorised either by the Committee or by officers under delegated powers.

Resolved – That the report be noted