

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning
Applications Committee held at
Council Chamber, Surrey Heath
House, Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15
3HD on 26 October 2023**

+ Cllr Cliff Betton (Chair)
+ Cllr Victoria Wheeler (Vice Chair)

+ Cllr Shaun Garrett	- Cllr John Skipper
- Cllr Mary Glauert	+ Cllr Kevin Thompson
+ Cllr Nirmal Kang	+ Cllr David Whitcroft
+ Cllr Liz Noble	+ Cllr Helen Whitcroft
+ Cllr David O'Mahoney	+ Cllr Valerie White
+ Cllr Ying Perrett	+ Cllr Richard Wilson
- Cllr Murray Rowlands	

+ Present
- Apologies for absence presented

Substitutes: Cllr Shaun Macdonald (In place of Cllr Mary Glauert) and Cllr Jonathan Quin (In place of Cllr Murray Rowlands)

Members in Attendance: Cllr Lisa Finan-Cooke , Cllr Sarbie Kang, Cllr Lewis Mears.

Officers Present: Alastair Barnes, Aboricultural Officer
Gavin Chinniah, Head of Planning
William Hinde, Principal Solicitor
Shannon Kimber, Senior Planning Officer
Maxine Lewis, Corporate Enforcement Team Leader
Jonathan Partington, Development Manager
Navil Rahman, Principal Planning Officer
Rachel Whillis, Democratic Services Manager

20/P Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

21/P Enforcement Monitoring Report

The Committee received a report summarising the work of the Planning Enforcement Service for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023.

During the reporting period, the Planning Enforcement Team had investigated 43 allegations of planning breaches of which 13 were deemed to have not breached planning regulations. One Enforcement Notice had been issued, two Breach of Condition Notices had been issued, and four Planning Contravention Notices had been issued.

The Committee noted the report.

22/P TPO Confirmation: Woodland between Devonshire Drive and Larchwood Glade, Camberley

The Committee was informed that a Tree Preservation Order, TPO – 09/23, had been served to protect the woodland copse between Larchwood Glade and Devonshire Drive.

The TPO had been served on 5 June 2023 to protect a woodland copse that sat between the two roads of Larchwood Glade and Devonshire Drive and provided amenity to nearby residents as well as a habitat for wildlife. The site already benefited from an Area Preservation Order but, following several refused development applications and a recent land sale, it was considered expedient to update the Order to a new Woodland Order to reflect the current use and protect the character of the area.

One objection to the order had been received within 28 days of serving, citing concerns including that the TPO did not support the land at all and prevented woodland management, and that the woodland was not a public amenity (use of land). The Committee was informed that the reasons provided in the objection were not considered sufficient against the benefits the woodland currently provided. It was also noted that approximately 47 representations had been received in support of the TPO.

The officer recommendation to confirm the Tree Preservation Order with no modifications was proposed by Councillor Shaun Garrett, seconded by Councillor Victoria Wheeler, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED that Tree Preservation Order 09/23 be confirmed.

NOTE 1

Voting in favour of the motion to confirm the Tree Preservation Order:
Councillors Cliff Betton, Shaun Garrett, Nirmal Kang, Shaun Macdonald, Liz Noble, David O'Mahoney, Ying Perrett, Jonathan Quin, Kevin Thompson, Victoria Wheeler, David Whitcroft, Helen Whitcroft, Valerie White and Richard Wilson.

Voting against the motion to confirm the Tree Preservation Order:
None

Abstaining:
None

NOTE 2

It was noted for the record that Councillor Shaun Garrett declared that he had corresponded with the landowner but a meeting that had been suggested had not taken place.

23/P

Application Number: 23/0783 - Lightwater Country Park, Lightwater Leisure Centre, The Avenue, Lightwater, Surrey, GU18 5RG

The application was for the construction of an outdoor seating area for cafe use, the conversion of window to external service hatch, and window to service door together with the installation of an extract flue to the roof.

The application had been referred to the Planning Applications Committee as the Council owned the land.

The Committee noted the updates provided in the supplementary agenda papers. It was advised that Condition 9 required the installation and maintenance of planters to the edge of the seating area as shown in plan drawing 1370.100.06 Rev A, in order to contribute towards maintaining the visual amenity of the area.

The officer recommendation to approve the application subject to conditions was proposed by Councillor David Whitcroft, seconded by Councillor Shaun Macdonald, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED that application 23/0783/FFU be approved subject to the conditions in the officer's report and the planning update sheet.

NOTE 1

Voting in favour of the motion to grant the application subject to conditions: Councillors Cliff Betton, Shaun Garrett, Nirmal Kang, Shaun Macdonald, Liz Noble, David O'Mahoney, Ying Perrett, Jonathan Quin, Kevin Thompson, Victoria Wheeler, David Whitcroft, Helen Whitcroft, Valerie White and Richard Wilson.

Voting against the motion to grant the application subject to conditions:
None

Abstaining:
None

NOTE 2

It was noted for the record that the following declarations were made:

- (i) Councillor Shaun Macdonald declared that he had attended the opening of the refurbished Lightwater Leisure Centre;
- (ii) Councillor Kevin Thompson declared that he was a member of Lightwater Gym, based at Lightwater Leisure Centre; and
- (iii) Councillor Victoria Wheeler declared that she was a member of Lightwater Netball Club, which had previously met at Lightwater Leisure Centre.

24/P Application Number: 23/0757- 49 Firwood Drive, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3QD

The application was for the erection of a part single and part two storey side extension.

The application would have normally been determined under the Council's Scheme of Delegation but was being reported to the Planning Applications Committee on the request of Councillor Murray Rowlands because of proximity to the boundary line with 47 Firwood Drive and overlooking of the garden of this neighbouring dwelling.

The Committee considered the application and, arising from the discussion, it was agreed to strengthen Informative 2 due to concerns about the impact on the sewage pipes in close proximity to the proposed development, with the final wording to be agreed in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

The officer recommendation to approve the application subject to conditions was proposed by Councillor Helen Whitcroft, seconded by Councillor Kevin Thompson, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED that application 23/0757/FFU be approved subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report and the amendment to Informative 2, as set out above.

NOTE 1

Voting in favour of the motion to approve the application subject to conditions:

Councillors Cliff Betton, Shaun Garrett, Nirmal Kang, Shaun Macdonald, Liz Noble, David O'Mahoney, Kevin Thompson, Victoria Wheeler, David Whitcroft, Helen Whitcroft, Valerie White and Richard Wilson.

Voting against the motion to approve the application:

None

Abstaining:

Councillors Ying Perrett and Jonathan Quin.

NOTE 2

It was noted for the record that Councillor Jonathan Quin declared that he had spoken with a resident and had visited the site.

25/P Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item at minute 26/P as it

involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3:

- (1) Information relating to any individual**
- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

26/P Development Management Performance Monitoring

The Committee received a presentation detailing Development Management's performance against targets and an update on appeals to the Planning Inspectorate.

Chair