

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 16 March 2010.

PRESENT: Mr R E King (Chairman), Mr J F London (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Brookbank, Mr A R Chell, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr T Gates, Mr C Hibberd, Mr G A Horne MBE, Mr J D Kirby, Mr R F Manning, Mr R J Parry, Mr W Richardson (Substitute for Mr R A Pascoe), Mr M Robertson, Mr C P Smith, Mr K Smith and Mr A Willicombe

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr J Crossley (Team Leader - County Council Development), Mr R White (Transport and Development Business Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

14. Minutes - 17 February 2010

(Item A3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2010 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

15. Site Meetings and Other Meetings

(Item A4)

The Committee agreed to hold site visits on the afternoons of the next two meetings of the Committee. A visit to a South East London waste disposal site was provisionally scheduled to take place on 11 April 2010 and an application site in Tovil, Maidstone would be visited on 13 May 2010. In the event that the visit to London could not be arranged, the Tovil visit would be brought forward to 11 April.

16. Proposal SH/09/1050 - Household Waste Recycling Centre, including a provision for the receipt of small amounts of trade waste at land at the end of Mountfield Road, New Romney - Kent Waste Management

(Item C1)

(1) Mr W L Richardson made a declaration of personal interest as he had already given his views during the consultation period. He addressed the meeting in his capacity as local member but took no part in the decision-making process.

(2) RESOLVED that subject to the satisfactory completion of a legal agreement to secure a contribution towards local highway improvements permission be granted to the application subject to conditions including conditions covering the standard three year time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; details of a programme for the implementation of landscaping on the site including specific details of habitat creation; a scheme for foul and surface water drainage; groundwater protection; operating hours; noise restriction; details of signage; details of construction of the bunding; ecological works (as set out in

paragraph 68 of the report); and the submission of details of a Construction Management Plan for approval prior to the commencement of work on site.

17. Proposal CA/09/1951 - Modified half core Children's Centre with associated car parking and play areas at Hersden Primary School, Shaftesbury Road, Hersden, Canterbury; KCC Children, Families and Education

(Item 10)

RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions, including conditions covering the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; the tree and hedge shown for retention being afforded protection during construction in accordance with the current British Standard; and dedicated off-street parking (as detailed within the proposals) being provided prior to first occupation of the Children's Centre, and being retained thereafter solely for that purpose whilst the Centre is in use.

18. Proposal GR/09/972 - Change of use of upstairs room (known as the Chestnut Room) for meetings, launches, wedding ceremonies, receptions and other functions at Shorne Woods Country Park, Brewers Road, Shorne, Gravesend; KCC Country Parks

(Item D2)

(1) The Head of planning Applications Group reported the views of Mr M V Snelling, the local Member in support of the proposal.

(2) Mr Mark Brett from Shorne PC addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposal. Mrs Amanda Dunk from KCC Country Parks spoke in reply.

(3) Mr R F Manning moved, seconded by Mr M B Robertson that the recommendations of the Head of Planning Applications Group be agreed.

(4) Mr C P Smith moved an amendment, seconded by Mr R J Parry that permission be granted for a temporary period of two years.

Amendment carried by 11 votes to 4

(5) On being put to the vote, the substantive motion was carried as amended by 14 votes to 1.

(6) RESOLVED that temporary planning permission be granted to the proposal for a period of two years subject to conditions, including conditions covering the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; the use of the Chestnut Room being solely for the uses applied for, with no other uses taking place unless otherwise agreed in writing by the County Planning Authority; and the hours of use of the Chestnut Room being limited to 08:00 to 22:00 seven days a week.

19. County matters dealt with under delegated powers

(Item E1)

RESOLVED to note matters dealt with under delegated powers since the last meeting relating to:-

- (a) County matter applications;
- (b) consultations on applications submitted by District Councils and Government Departments;
- (c) County Council developments;
- (d) Screening opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999; and
- (e) Scoping opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999 (None).