

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 15 January 2008.

PRESENT: Mr R E King (Chairman), Mr A R Bassam (Vice-Chairman), Mrs V J Dagger, Mr J A Davies, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mrs E Green, Mr C Hibberd, Mr G A Horne, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr J F London, Mr T A Maddison, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mr W V Newman and Mr A R Poole.

OFFICERS: The Head of Planning Applications Group, Mrs S Thompson (with Mr M Clifton and Mr J Crossley); and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Minutes
(Item A3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2007 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

2. Application TH/07/1441 – Concrete plinth and kiosk to house the motor control centre, including electrical equipment used to control a wastewater pumping station on public open space to the north of Cliff Terrace, Margate; Southern Water Services Ltd.
(Item C1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

RESOLVED to defer determination of this application to the next meeting of the Committee to enable further consideration by the applicants of the external appearance of the proposed facility.

3. Application AS/07/1973 – Variation of Condition (iii) of Permission AS/87/802 and Condition (i) of Permission AS/02/645 to allow the continued operation of the existing rail aggregate terminal for a further temporary period of up to 3 years and subsequent delay in restoring the site pending the conclusion of matters to allow granting of a separate permission for a permanent facility at the site under Permissions AS/06/4 and 5 at Sevington Railhead, Waterbrook Park, Ashford; Bretts Ltd.
(Item C2 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group tabled revised recommendations which were agreed.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) permission be granted for the variation Condition (i) of Permission AS/02/645 for the retention and operation of the existing rail aggregate importation facility at Sevington Railhead, Waterbrook Park, Sevington for a period of 3 years from the date of this Permission or 3 years from the date of a Permission granted under Applications AS/06/4 and AS/06/5 for the development of a permanent rail aggregate and associated Waste Transfer/Recycling facility at the site, whichever is the later, or on completion of the development proposed under Applications AS/06/4 and AS/06/5 whichever is the earlier of the dates, subject to a condition requiring that no additional development affecting the route of Public Right of Way AE350 shall take place until such time as it has been formally diverted;
- (b) permission be granted for the variation of Condition (iii) of Permission AS/87/802 for the variation of the Condition which shall now read: 'In the event that the development proposed under Applications AS/06/4 & AS/06/5 have either not been consented or have not been implemented, the site shall be restored within 6 months of the development hereby granted'; and
- (c) the applicants be notified by Informative that:-
 - (i) measures to secure the formal diversion of Public Right of Way AE350 shall be undertaken expeditiously;
 - (ii) the minimum width of any diverted path crossing the site shall be 4 metres and that its surface shall either remain as grass where it falls outside the immediate development area, or surfaced with a Type 1 material and finished with a limestone topping or similar where it falls within it; and
 - (iii) all other Conditions imposed under Permission AS/02/645 remain in effect.

4. Proposal SW/07/1032 – Construction of a roundabout with single carriageway approach roads at Junction of Swale Way and Ridham Avenue, Kemsley, Sittingbourne; KCC Highways Services
(Item D1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

- (1) The Head of Planning Applications Group tabled late representations from PFA Consulting, on behalf of affected landowners.
- (2) RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions, including conditions covering the development being commenced by 14 September 2009 (to accord with the main consent); the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; and the development being carried out in strict accordance with the conditions of consent for Permission SW/04/1453.

5. Proposal DA/07/1120 – Formation of two pedestrian entrances, pupil waiting area and car parking modifications (including extension of existing car park) at the north west corner of the Grange School site associated with School Travel Plan at The Grammar School for Girls Wilmington, Dartford; Governors of The Grammar School for Girls Wilmington and KCC Children, Families and Education

(Item D2 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

- (1) In agreeing the Head of Planning Applications Group's recommendations, the Committee requested an additional informative that it would expect local residents to be consulted on the content of the School Travel Plan.
- (2) RESOLVED that:-
 - (a) permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions including conditions covering the standard time limit; and the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; and
 - (b) the applicants be informed of the Committee's view that it would, in future expect local residents to be consulted on the content of the School Travel Plan.

6. County Matters dealt with under Delegated Powers

(Items E1-E6 – Reports by Head of Planning Applications Group)

RESOLVED to note reports on items dealt with under delegated powers since the last meeting relating to:-

- (a) County matter applications;
- (b) consultations on applications submitted by District Councils or Government Departments;
- (c) County Council developments;
- (d) detailed submissions under Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996 (None);
- (e) screening opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999; and
- (f) scoping opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999 (None).