

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 12 September 2006.

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

OTHER MEMBERS: Mr M J Northey and Mr G Rowe

OFFICERS: The Head of Planning Applications Group, Mr B J Murphy (with Mr J Crossley and Mrs A Hopkins); the Senior Transportation Engineer, Mr T Drury; and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

62. Minutes
(Item A2)

RESOLVED that subject to the amendment of Minute 59(7) to read “put” instead of “part” the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2006 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

63. Future meetings of the Committee
(Item A3)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006	Tuesday, 15 May 2007	Tuesday, 11 December 2007
Tuesday, 7 November 2006	Tuesday, 19 June 2007	Tuesday, 15 January 2008
Tuesday, 12 December 2006	Tuesday, 17 July 2007	Tuesday, 12 February 2008
Tuesday, 16 January 2007	Tuesday, 14 August 2007	Tuesday, 18 March 2008
Tuesday, 13 February 2007	Tuesday, 11 September 2007	Tuesday 15 April 2008
Tuesday, 20 March 2007	Tuesday, 9 October 2007	Tuesday, 13 May 2008
Tuesday, 17 April 2007	Tuesday, 6 November 2007	

64. Site Meetings and Other Meetings
(Item A4)

The Committee agreed to visit the site of the proposed wind turbine at Sandwich Technology College on Tuesday, 10 October 2006.

65. Application TM/05/4134 – Expansion and improvement of the sludge recycling centre including improvements to the site access junction with Bull Lane, improvements to visibility splays and creation of passing bays along the access road at Aylesford Wastewater Treatment Works, Bull lane, Aylesford; Southern Water
(Item C1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

(Mr G Rowe was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.24 and spoke)

- (1) A package of correspondence from Aylesford Parish Council Members, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Local Members and Eccles residents was tabled.
- (2) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the receipt of correspondence from four local residents objecting to the application on traffic grounds, together with further correspondence from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and Aylesford Parish Council restating their objections.
- (3) Mr J Walrond from Aylesford Parish Council, Mr D Davis (local Borough Councillor), Mrs G Hurley (a local resident) and Jonathan Shaw, MP addressed the Committee in opposition to the application. Mr M Hendry from Adams Hendry Consultants spoke in reply on behalf of the applicants.
- (4) Mr R A Marsh moved, seconded by Mrs S V Hohler that permission be refused.
- (5) Mr A R Poole moved, seconded by Mr T J Birkett that the question be put.

Lost 7 votes to 8
- (6) Mr J B O Fullarton moved, seconded by Mrs E Green that the question be put.

Carried 13 votes to 5
- (7) On being put to the vote the original motion was carried unanimously.
- (8) RESOLVED that permission be refused on the grounds that:-
 - (a) the traffic generated by the proposed development would cause an unacceptable impact on the local highway network, particularly in Eccles village, contrary to Policy TP15 of the Kent and Medway Structure Plan; and
 - (b) the development and associated traffic would have an unacceptable impact on existing community facilities in the locality, particularly in terms of the usage of roads and footways and would therefore be contrary to Policy QL11 of the Kent and Medway Structure Plan.

66. Application TH/06/729 – Retrospective application for recycling centre at Unit J1C, Channel Road, Westwood Industrial Estate, Margate; MPL Recycling Ltd.

(Item C2 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

(1) On being put to the vote, the recommendations of the Head of Planning Applications Group were carried by 16 votes to 2.

(2) RESOLVED that permission be granted to the application subject to the imposition of conditions including the change of use being for a temporary period of 3 years; the use being carried out in accordance with the submitted documents and plans; hours of operation; limitation of waste delivery and segregation to inside the industrial unit; no operations taking place within the externally marked areas for storage and the roller doors being closed outside specified hours; limitation of annual through put; limitation of the storage and height of waste within the redlined area; type of materials accepted; and the removal of all machinery and stored waste on the cessation of use.

67. Proposal AS/06/1270 – Conversion and extension of redundant caretaker's house to nursery at The Towers School, Faversham Road, Kennington, Ashford; Governors of The Towers School and KCC Children, Families and Education

(Item D1 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

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; external materials being submitted for approval; hours of working during construction; and prevention of mud being deposited on the highway.

68. Proposal CA/06/554 – Retrospective amendment to positioning of playground extension at Pilgrim's Way Primary School, Pilgrims Way, Canterbury; Governors of Pilgrims Way Primary School and KCC Children, Families and Education

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

(Mr M J Northey was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.24 and spoke)

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the receipt of correspondence from two local residents in objection to the proposal.

(2) Mrs S V Hohler moved, seconded by Mr J B O Fullarton that the recommendations of the Head of Planning Applications Group be agreed subject to the hours of use of the playground being limited to 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on weekdays.

Carried by 14 votes to 4

(3) 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 submission of a scheme of landscaping, its implementation and maintenance including the provision of boundary fencing where required by neighbouring properties; the provision of low level timber fencing to the perimeter of the playground; hours of working during construction; and the hours of use of the playground being limited to 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on weekdays.

69. County Matters dealt with under Delegated Powers
(Item 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 (None); and
- (f) scoping opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999 (None).