

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 9 October 2007.

PRESENT: Mr R E King (Chairman), Mr A R Bassam (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Curwood (substitute for Mrs S V Hohler), Mrs V J Dagger, Mr J A Davies, 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, Mr A R Poole, and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

OTHER MEMBERS: Dr T R Robinson

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

#### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

**79. Minutes**  
(Item A3)

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

**80. Clarification of Minute 07/74 in respect of Saturday use of all weather pitch and multi-use games area at Hugh Christie Technology College, White Cottage Road, Tonbridge**  
(Item A4 – Report by Head of Democratic Services)

(1) Mr R A Marsh moved, seconded by Mr T A Maddison that the decision on Saturday use recorded in Minutes 07/74 be confirmed.

*Carried 14 votes to 2*

(2) RESOLVED that the decision on Saturday use recorded in Minute 07/74 be confirmed.

**81. Site Meetings and Other Meetings**  
(A5)

The Committee agreed to visit Skinners School, Tonbridge on Tuesday, 6 November 2007 and Dungeness on Monday, 12 November 2007.

**82. Proposal DO/07/651 – Retention and renewal of a mobile classroom at Goodnestone CE Primary School, The Street, Goodnestone; KCC Children, Families and Education.**

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

(1) Mr G A Horne moved, seconded by Mr A R Poole that the recommendations of the Head of Planning Applications Group be agreed, subject to the temporary permission being for 2 years.

(2) Mr J I Muckle moved, seconded by Mr T A Maddison as an amendment that permission be granted for a temporary period of three years, commencing at the expiry of the previous permission in November 2006.

*Amendment Carried 13 votes to 2*

(3) Mr J F L London moved, seconded by Mr W V Newman as an amendment that the recommendation of the Head of Planning Applications Group for a three year temporary permission from the grant of planning permission be agreed.

*Amendment Lost 4 votes to 8*

(4) On being put to the vote, the substantive motion as amended by Mr Muckle and Mr Maddison was carried by 14 votes to 3.

(5) The Chairman also agreed that the Chairman should write to the relevant Cabinet Portfolio holder to express the Committee's concern at the number of retrospective planning applications received from LEA schools.

(6) RESOLVED that:-

(a) permission be granted to the proposal subject to the imposition of a condition requiring the building to be removed and the site restored within 3 years of the expiry of the previous planning permission in November 2006;

(b) the applicant be advised by informative that planning permission is granted for a continued period to enable the preparation of a scheme to provide more suitable permanent accommodation at the school. It is considered that the continued siting of the mobile building fails to enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area; and

(c) the Chairman write to the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder on the Committee's behalf to express its concern at the number of retrospective planning applications received from LEA Schools.

**83. Proposal SW/07/902 – Creation of a children's centre within existing redundant space and minor internal works including the erection of a canopy in front of Cedar Block at Grove Park Primary School, Hilton Drive, Sittingbourne; KCC Children, Families and Education.**

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

RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions including the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; details of the materials to be used to construct the canopy and buggy store; hours of use being restricted to 0800 to 1800 Monday to Friday; and implementation and ongoing review of a Green Travel Plan for the Centre.

**84. Proposal SH/07/746 – Temporary positioning of a steel storage container at The Harvey Grammar School Sports Fields, Cherry Garden Avenue, Folkestone; Governors of The Harvey Grammar School and KCC Children, Families and Education.**

*(Item D3 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) Mr W Grudgings addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposal. He had previously provided supporting documents which were tabled. Mr S Hunnisett, Premises Manager of The Harvey Grammar School spoke in reply.

(2) In permitting the proposal, the Committee also agreed that the applicants should consider whether the location of the container could be adjusted to improve the view, but that this must not result in the container being located any nearer to the neighbouring properties. The Committee also agreed that space between the container and the wall should not be used for additional storage.

(3) RESOLVED that:

- (a) permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions including conditions covering the standard time condition; the storage container being permitted for a time period of two years only; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted plans; a scheme of landscaping being submitted; and no storage taking place between the container and the wall; and
- (b) the applicants be requested to consider whether the location of the container could be adjusted to improve the view (subject to it not being sited any nearer to adjoining properties).

**85. 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).