

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, 8 September 2009.

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 W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr J D Kirby, Mr S J G Koowaree (Substitute for Mr M Robertson), Mr R J Lees, Mr R F Manning, Mr R A Pascoe, 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

64. Minutes - 18 August 2009

(Item A3)

RESOLVED that subject to the amendment of the start time for the visit to Sevenoaks Quarry (Minute 55) being amended to 1400, the Minutes of the meeting are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

65. Site Meetings and Other Meetings

(Item A4)

The Committee noted that its meeting in February 2010 would now be held on Wednesday, 17 February 2010. It also agreed that the Tour of permitted development sites, previously scheduled for 24 November, would now take place on Wednesday, 16 December 2009.

66. Application CA/09/55 - Application to extend the existing Certificate of Lawful Use to include the mechanical sorting and crushing of incoming generally inert waste material to recover a greater percentage of reusable materials Rear of Kemberland, Herne Bay Road, Fox Hill, Sturry, Canterbury; Mr Martin J Thomas.

(Item C1)

The Committee agreed to the applicants' request for this item to be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee in order to enable them to complete an assessment of predicted noise levels.

67. Proposal TW/09/1033 - New Sports Hall and extended Tennis Courts at The Skinners' School, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells; Governors of The Skinners' School

(Item D1)

(1) The views of the local Member, Mr J R Bullock were tabled and the Head of Planning Applications Group reported the receipt of a late representation from a resident in Stephen's Road together with a petition on behalf of local residents objecting to the proposed development.

(2) Mr C Woodward, a local Borough Council and Mr S Norris, a local resident addressed the Committee in opposition to the Proposal. Mr S Everson, Head Teacher at The Skinners School and Mr S Eatock from the Architects, Michael Cook Associates spoke in reply.

(3) On being put to the vote, the Head of Planning Applications Group's recommendations were unanimously agreed.

(4) RESOLVED that permission be granted to the proposal subject to conditions including covering the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; the submission of details of all materials to be used externally; details of all external lighting; a scheme of landscaping, its implementation and maintenance, including planting to the southern and eastern site boundaries, the area between the sports hall and the southern site boundary and the southern and eastern elevations of the building; details of fencing, gates and means of enclosure, including colour finishes, fencing of the tennis courts and the area to the rear of the sports hall; kick boards surrounding the tennis courts being covered in a noise absorbing material; windows on the southern elevation not being opened and doors remaining closed when the building is in use; the noise rating level from all fixed plant associated with the sports hall not exceeding the measured background noise level (L_{A90}) at the closest residential receiver; contaminated land; details of sustainable urban drainage system; restriction on hours of use, including school and community use (0800 to 2200 Mondays to Fridays. 0900 to 1800 on Saturdays and 1000 to 1800 on Sundays); restrictions on the type of use, including school and community use; hours of working during construction; and details of a 'construction code of practice'.

68. Matters dealt with under delegated powers

(Items E1- E6)

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 or Government Departments (None);
- (c) County Council developments;

- (d) Screening opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999; and
- (e) Scoping opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999 (None).