

PLANNING COMMITTEE

14 DECEMBER 2022

Present:

Councillors Bradford, Clarence, Colclough, H Cox, Dewhirst, J Hook, Kerswell, Nuttall, J Petherick (Vice-Chair) and Russell

Members in Attendance:

Councillors

Apologies:

Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, Jeffery, MacGregor, Nutley, Parker and Peart

Officers in Attendance:

Rosalyn Eastman, Business Manager, Strategic Place
Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Cheryl Stanbury, Senior Planning Officer

23. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J Petherick and seconded by Councillor Nuttall that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

A vote was taken.

Resolved

That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

a) **21/01352/MAJ - Obelisk Gardens, Kenton (Pages 5 - 6)**

The Senior Planning Officer presented the application to the Committee.

Public Speaker, Objector – Spoke on:

- 67 objections
- No public consultation
- Traffic concerns

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- Lack of ecological survey
- Bat concerns
- Presence of applicant on site necessary
- Conditions needed for environment and management

Public Speaker, Supporter – Spoke on:

- Local applicant
- Popular site
- Run down site before purchasing
- Attractive environment
- EV charging stations
- Vehicle storage
- Support from English Heritage

Comments from Councillors included

- Lack of public consultation
- Management plan condition
- Timing of bat survey
- Narrow roads
- Devon County Council is satisfied
- AGLV criteria
- Control of lighting
- 11pm BBQ time limit is too late
- Avoid conflicting with national policy
- Caravans are too similar to chalets
- Residents would likely travel around the district
- No heritage opposition
- Support expansion and improvement
- Encourage tourism
- Poor access

In response Officers clarified that

- Landscape survey not requested
- Bat survey carried out
- Condition 19 for management
- Consulting is not mandatory
- AGLV development, must enhance area
- Environmental health team agreed 11pm time limit
- Biodiversity officer SAC screening
- Broadly conforms to national policy
- Sustainability provided in the fact that it is a domestic holiday destination

It was proposed by Councillor J Hook and seconded by Councillor Colclough that permission be refused due to sustainability and traffic concerns.

A vote was taken – see attached.

Resolved

That permission be refused for the following reasons

1. Environmentally unsustainable
2. Impact on traffic

Note on refusal

The decision to refuse this application was contrary to officer recommendation. The application was considered unacceptable due to the increased traffic on narrow roads and the lack of sustainability, as well as public opposition and large scale of the application.

24. MAJOR DECISIONS SUMMARY

The Major Decision Summary sheet was noted by the Committee.

25. APPEAL DECISIONS - TO NOTE APPEAL DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE.

The Committee noted the appeal decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.13 am.

Chair
Cllr Goodman-Bradbury

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Planning Recorded Vote Roll Call Minute Item 23a

COUNCILLORS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CLLR JANET BRADFORD	X		
CLLR CHRIS CLARENCE	X		
CLLR MARY COLCLOUGH	X		
CLLR HUW COX	X		
CLLR ALISTAIR DEWHIRST		X	
CLLR JACKIE HOOK	X		
CLLR AVRIL KERSWELL	X		
CLLR CHARLES NUTTALL	X		
CLLR SYLVIA RUSSELL	X		
CLLR JOHN PETHERICK	X		
TOTAL	9	1	

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