

# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

**NO 34**

**DATE: FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 2010**

The Members' Information Service produced in the Customer, Community & Democratic Services Unit by Joanne Wildsmith has been prepared in three parts -

Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members, subject to Councillors' right to have the matter called in for scrutiny.

Part 2 - Proposals from Managers which they would like to implement subject to Councillors' right to have the matter referred to the relevant Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee; and

Part 3 - Items of general information and news.

## **Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet**

**The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet Members), and will be implemented unless the call-in procedure is activated. Rule 15 of the Policy and Review Panels Procedure Rules requires a call-in notice to be signed by any 5 members of the Council. The call-in request must be made to JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on the date shown in the item.**

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the officer indicated. You can also see the report on the Council's web site at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

THERE ARE NO PART ONE ITEMS THIS WEEK

## **Part 2 - Proposals from Managers for Implementation**

The following proposals have been brought forward. The Managers indicated will exercise their powers to approve the proposal unless a Councillor requests the item be referred for decision to the relevant Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee. **Your request must be made to JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Monday 6 September 2010 .**  
**An email or handwritten letter will suffice.**

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the Officer indicated.

### **PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION**

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	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Charles Dickens</b>	<p><b>Parking Cash Counting Room for Pay and Display</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To provide a new secure Parking cash counting room for Pay and Display coins, as outlined below.</p> <p>Further to the report for the Members Information Service of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 further necessary works are required to improve the security in a manner acceptable to the City Council's insurers.</p> <p>The total of the extra works amount will amount to a sum of no more than £20,000. These additional works include the installation and purchase of air lock door, removal of asbestos and works to network cabling. These items of expenditure were not known at the time of the original MIS item.</p> <p>It is proposed these additional works will be funded from the Off Street Parking Reserve.</p>	<p><b>Michael Robinson</b> <b>Traffic &amp; Street</b> <b>Management</b> <b>Tel: 9268 8497</b></p>

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### TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER DECISIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT & STREET MANAGEMENT

The Head of Transport & Street Management will exercise his powers to proceed with the following Traffic Regulation Order(s) in accordance with the proposed action unless a Councillor requests the proposal to be referred for decision to Committee.

Your request should be made to the **Head of Transport & Street Management** by telephoning **Margaret O'Neill** (☎ 9283 4971) or **Tom Martin** (☎ 9284 1928) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Monday 6 September 2010**. You can also make contact by letter, or by email to [engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk). If you wish to know more about a particular application, please contact the Case Officer indicated.

Item No	Ward	Traffic Regulation Order	Case Officer & Tel No	City Engineer's Comments	Proposed Action
2	ALL	The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Disabled Persons' Parking Places) (Amendments) (No 26) Order 2010	<b>Nikki Musson</b> <b>9283 4461</b>	1 comment received:  A resident of Lynton Grove emailed to ask why her disabled bay was omitted from the public notice, when she has a disabled badge and bay.  Response:  This particular bay appeared on the previous notice, which has now been approved and the associated signage is being installed by the Parking section's technicians.	That the Order be made as advertised

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The Head of Planning Services will exercise his powers to determine the following applications in accordance with the proposed decision for each application unless a Councillor requests the application be referred for decision to Committee.

Your request should be made to the **Head of Planning Services** by telephoning **Julie Watson** (☎023 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Monday 6 September 2010**. You can also make contact by letter or by e-mail to - [planningreps@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:planningreps@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) - If you wish to know more about a particular application, please contact the Case Officer indicated.

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
3	10/00327/FUL  Eastney & Craneswater	<b>12 St Helens Parade Southsea</b>  Construction of five storey building to form five flats and associated garage block, new boundary walls and gates including amendments to roof gardens (amendment to planning permission reference 09/01464/FUL)	<p>Two letters of objections received from nearby residents in Whitwell Road concerned that the roof gardens and enclosures would alter the view, be incongruous and result in more bulk and an overbearing impact. One of these residents supports the loss of the glazed enclosure at fourth floor level. One letter of support received from local resident on the basis that the proposed building would be in keeping with others along St Helen's Parade.</p> <p>The previously granted planning permission (09/01464/FUL) prohibited by condition the use of the flat roofs as gardens.</p> <p>This application, following further amendments, shows only a small part of the third floor flat roof (about 20%) and about 50% of the fourth floor roof to be used as gardens. Furthermore the fourth floor garden would be sunken to minimise overlooking and bulk and obviate the need for a glazed enclosure. Glazed walls 1800mm high would be erected to enclose the third floor garden and where there would be an aspect towards existing residential properties the glazing would be obscure. The roof access housing would also be sunken to minimise its presence.</p> <p>Subject to safeguarding conditions requiring the obscure glazing to be retained the proposals are considered acceptable.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John Pike</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tel: 023 9283 4303</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conditional Permission</b></p>

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4	10/00414/FUL  St Jude	<p><b>Public House 1 Kent Road Southsea</b></p> <p>Construction of two dwellings (after demolition of existing outbuilding) and external alterations to existing front elevation of ground floor of Class A4 premises facing Kent Road (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)</p>	<p>5 representations have been received from local residents raising objections on the following grounds: a) inappropriate contemporary design in Conservation Area; b) loss of privacy from balconies; c) dwellings to rear will create a sense of enclosure; d) loss of light to rear gardens of properties in Kent Road; e) reduction in natural ventilation; f) courtyard parking will increase noise and fumes; g) affect on adjacent Listed Buildings; h) inadequate parking provision; and i) loss of 'beer garden' would lead to smokers congregating to the front of the premises leading to noise and disturbance.</p> <p>One further letter has been received in favour of the application.</p> <p>The application as originally submitted sought planning permission for the construction of four dwellings, two at the front of the site and two at the rear. The application has subsequently been amended such that planning permission is now sought for the construction of a pair of townhouses on the Castle Road frontage of the site. The site is located within the Castle Road Conservation Area and is adjacent to the Grade II Listed Portsmouth High School for Girls and Nos3-9 (inclusive) Kent Road. The design of the proposed dwellings is contemporary, however this is not considered to be inappropriate and has been accepted by the Conservation &amp; Design Officer and the Design Review Panel. The balconies incorporated into the townhouses would be located to the front of the proposed dwellings and are not considered to be likely to result in an unacceptable degree of overlooking. The proposal incorporates parking in a central courtyard behind the town houses and adjacent to the rear gardens of properties in Kent and Castle Roads. It is considered that the level of activity associated with the parking court, especially as the site has previously been used as a beer garden, would not be so significant to justify refusal. The proposed 4-bedroom houses would each have two parking spaces (one in a garage) which is considered acceptable in this location. The application site was previously used as a beer garden and would have resulted in customers being located to the rear of properties in Kent and Castle Roads. The loss of this outside space and possible consequential impact of the spillage of people outside the front of the licensed premises is not considered to be likely to result in an unacceptable increase in noise or disturbance to the residential amenities of neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p><b>Conditional Permission</b></p>

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5	10/00695/HOU  Drayton & Farlington	<b>31 Rectory Avenue Portsmouth</b>  Construction of single storey extension to front/side elevation	<p>Two letters of representation have been received from the same household. The grounds for objection are: a) there are no drawings on the website the objector is therefore unable to comment on the proposed extension; b) the extension should be well sound proofed as the applicant is a local musician and uses his property for rehearsals which includes the use of large amplifiers and daily drumming; c) building work should be restricted as there are young children on both sides of the property who require sleep; d) this application should also include the construction of a raised deck and wood structure to the rear of the building which is a considerable fire risk as barbeques are carried out on the decking in a position and where the wind travels from south to north.</p> <p>This application seeks planning permission for a single storey front and side extension. There is an existing decked area and pergola attached to the rear extension however the decking is not new and has been in place for a number of years. Considerations in respect of noise and disturbance from construction works are not matters that are considered material to the determination of a planning application. A domestic extension may be used for any purpose incidental and ancillary to the use of a dwellinghouse. Such uses can include, amongst other things, a 'music room'. Anti-social behaviour by playing instruments at an excessive volume or at inappropriate times during the day are not matters that are considered material to the determination of a planning application. Given the position of the proposed extension and its design in relation to the existing house it is considered that the proposal is acceptable.</p>	Jonathan McDermott  Tel: 023 9284 1470  <b>Conditional Permission</b>
6	10/00705/HOU  Drayton & Farlington	<b>18 Southdown Road Portsmouth</b>  Construction of conservatory after demolition of garage	<p>One letter has been received from the occupiers of the adjoining property to the east (No20 Southdown Road) raising concern that the side wall of the conservatory in glass would result in a loss of privacy.</p> <p>It is considered necessary and appropriate to impose a condition to require the glazing on the side wall of the conservatory facing No20 to be obscure glazed and non-opening to prevent a loss of privacy to the adjoining occupiers. With such a safeguarding condition the proposal would be capable of support.</p>	Nicola Frampton  Tel: 023 9283 4305  <b>Conditional Permission</b>

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
7	10/00726/HOU  Baffins	<b>23 Moneyfield Avenue Portsmouth</b>  Construction of 2-storey side extension including gable build up to roof and first floor window to side elevation	One e-mail of objection has been submitted on behalf of The Portsmouth Society on the grounds that the gable roof would have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the streetscene.  This property and the other end of terrace house in this row has a hipped roof. In the context of a mix of hipped roofs and gables in the locality little weight would be placed on the desirability to maintain a symmetrical appearance. It is considered that in these circumstances the proposed gable end on the extension would not amount to a visually obtrusive or unsuitable feature either in terms of the streetscene or as part of the terrace.	Nicola Frampton  Tel: 023 9283 4305  <b>Conditional Permission</b>

## Part 3 - Information and News Items

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8		<p><b>Fitzherbert &amp; Moody Charity – Confirmation of Re-Appointment of Trustee</b></p> <p>In MIS 31 notice was given that, unless there were other nominations, the Reverend Karina Green would be re-appointed as a nominative trustee on the above charity for another term to 30 September 2014. No other nominations were received, so Reverend Green has been duly appointed.</p>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community &amp; Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>
9	St Jude	<p><b>52 Elm Grove Southsea PO5 1JG – Appeal Decision</b></p> <p><b>Ref No: 09/01589/FUL</b> <b>Decision: Allowed</b> <b>Decision Date: 16/08/2010</b></p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for change of use from dog grooming parlour to taxi office.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to allow the appeal.</p>	<p><b>Simon Barnett Planning Service Tel: 9284 1281</b></p>
10	Central Southsea	<p><b>85 Devonshire Avenue Southsea PO4 9EB – Planning Appeal</b></p> <p><b>Ref NO: 10/00374/FUL</b> <b>Date Lodged: 17/08/2010</b></p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission for conversion to form second floor apartment in existing loft area and construction of dormer window to rear roofslope.</p> <p>This appeal will be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p><b>Simon Barnett Planning Service Tel: 9284 1281</b></p>

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11		<p><b>Employment Committee – 6 September - 12.15pm - Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</b></p> <p>This meeting will consider a report on <b>Organisation Change and Redundancy</b>, which seeks approval for a range of responses to the Government's austerity measures and consequent budget pressures faced by the City Council. The responses suggested include a recommendation about voluntary redundancies.</p>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community &amp; Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>
12		<p><b>The Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel - 26 August 2010</b></p> <p>The Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel met on 26 August and resolved that:</p> <p>The media representative be permitted to take photographs prior to the start of this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair write to the Chief Executive of the Portsmouth Hospitals Trust on behalf of the Panel regarding the closure of the G5 unit at Queen Alexandra Hospital to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Express concern regarding the lack of consultation over the ward closure</li> <li>b. Request evidence from the Trust to demonstrate its compliance with the NHS 2006 Act, with respect to it undertaking the requisite level of consultation</li> <li>c. Express serious concern at the ward closure decision especially as the Panel had not been provided with any information setting out the Trust's justification for so doing and was unaware as to how the Trust had arrived at its decision</li> <li>d. Confirm that it wishes to take up the offer from Mark Roland and Julie Dawes, (the Trust representatives at the meeting) to present to a future meeting of the Panel the options considered by the Trust Board, including details on how the Board came to choose the ward closure option</li> <li>e. Express the earnest hope that the closure decision is reversible (and if it is not would like a detailed as explanation as to why) and if it is, that its implementation be deferred so that a public meeting on the proposal could be held and the outcome of it addressed before any final decision is taken.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Jane Di Dino Customer, Community &amp; Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4060</b></p>

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13		<p><b>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 23 August 2010</b></p> <p>Each week the LGA sends 'LG alerts' information sheets to member authorities. The full text of all LG alerts are available to local authorities on LGAnet – the Local Government Association internet service at <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">http://www.lga.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Burial and bereavement matters conference</b> The LGA will be holding a one-day conference on 15 December 2010, London, on death-related matters. Councils play a key role in providing a service to bereaved people and this event will discuss a range of deaths and burials policy issues and practice. Topics to be covered include changes in death certification, coroner reform, the case for re-using old graves, the provision and maintenance of cemeteries, cultural and faith issues and the provision of public health funerals. LG Group Alert Reference: 91/10</p> <p><b>Review of the major outbreak E. coli 0157 in Surrey, 2009</b> The LG Group conference on the review of the major E. coli outbreak in Surrey, 2009, will take place on Thursday 18 November 2010 at the Regent's College Conference Centre, London. The outbreak of E. coli 0157 in Surrey over August and September 2009 was the largest outbreak of this infection linked to an open farm to have occurred in the UK. The Health Protection Agency established an independent investigation of the outbreak seeking recommendations to reduce the risks to those who visit open farms. LG Group Alert Reference: 92/10</p>	<p><b>Local Government Association (LGA)</b> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@lga.gov.uk">info@lga.gov.uk</a> <b>Tel: 020 7664 3131</b> <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">www.lga.gov.uk</a></p>