

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 2.00 pm in the Executive Meeting Room - The Guildhall

These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda and associated papers for the meeting.

Present

Councillors Hugh Mason (Chair)
Judith Smyth (Vice-Chair)
Matthew Atkins
Lee Hunt
Claire Udy

Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (part, as standing deputy)

Welcome

The chair welcomed members of the public and members to the meeting.

Guildhall, Fire Procedure

The Chair explained to all present at the meeting the fire procedures including where to assemble and how to evacuate the building in case of a fire.

63. Apologies (AI 1)

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Donna Jones, Luke Stubbs, Steve Pitt (represented by standing deputy Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson), Suzy Horton and Terry Norton.

64. Declaration of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

Planning Application

65. 19/00706/FUL - Kendall's Wharf, Eastern Road, Portsmouth - Construction of new coastal defences consisting of a earth embankment to the north west; raising of access road, installation of sheet pile wall to the south-east boundary and associated landscaping works (AI 3)

The Development Management Team Leader presented the report and drew members' attention to the Assistant Director City Development's Supplementary Matters list which reported:

There is an error in reporting the consultation response from Natural England (p.7). NE raises no objection, commenting "...it can be excluded that the application will have a significant effect on any SAC, SPA or Ramsar site...". In an attempt to simplify this more awkwardly written phrase the change should say it can be

concluded the application will NOT have a significant effect on any SAC, SPA or Ramsar site.

The Environment Agency had stated that it had not received the original consultation. The Environment Agency had been involved in the scheme from the start (being one of the funders of the North Portsea flood defences scheme) and offered no objection in principle. The conditions covered submission of the necessary Construction Environment Management Plan.

There was an error in the report which should specify in Condition 3 the overwintering of birds runs from 1 October until 31 March.

There were no deputations but the webcast of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Planning-24Jul2019>

Members Questions

During members' questions the following issues were raised:

- It was clarified that the ward should be Copnor not Baffins.
- Regarding the details of the planting schedule it was confirmed that Condition 11 would ensure biodiversity which would be on the advice of experts and the suggestion of a corridor of meadow flowers would be passed to the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership.
- The existing footpath could be retained as a supplementary route to the new wider footpath.
- Discussions were taking place regarding the sites of existing sewers which were to be protected (condition 10 covered this).
- Who would be undertaking the outstanding surveys (such as reptile mitigation strategy)? The Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership would have to provide details as required by condition to the permission before the commencement of works.
- Regarding the robustness of the embankment works it was confirmed that there were compacted layers, with a gravel base.
- It was reiterated that there had been no objections raised by the Highways Engineer regarding the impact on Eastern Road during construction.
- Regarding the replacement of trees it was noted that the Arboricultural Officer had commented that there would be an overall improvement as some existing stock was of low quality, and there would be retention of parts for screening purposes.

Members' Comments

There were no further comments with members being satisfied that the environmental impact had been considered and the views of experts sought.

RESOLVED that in granting conditional permission (subject to the conditions outlined in the City Development Manager's report), the committee confirmed that it had taken into account the environmental information as required by Regulation 3(4) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, all matters in the Officer's report including comments received by statutory consultees and other interested parties and all other material considerations.

The meeting concluded at 2.52 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the meeting
Councillor Hugh Mason