

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 14 August 2019 at 1pm in the Executive Meeting Room - third floor, the Guildhall

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

Present

Councillors Hugh Mason (Chair)
Matthew Atkins
Steve Pitt
Donna Jones
Terry Norton

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.

66. Apologies (AI 1)

Apologies had been received from Councillors Suzy Horton, Lee Hunt, Judith Smyth and Clare Udy.

67. Declaration of Members' Interests (AI 2)

Councillor Atkins declared a prejudicial interest in item 5 as he works for the University of Portsmouth. He will leave the meeting for that item.

68. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 17 and 24 July 2019. (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 17 July and 24 July be confirmed as correct records.

69. Updates on previous planning applications (AI 4)

Sim Manley, Development Manager gave the following updates on appeals:

6 Lawrence Road: the appeal was dismissed on nitrates and living accommodation grounds.

70-8 Albert Road: the appeal was refused on amenities and nitrates grounds.

32 Norman Road: (?) the appeal was refused on nitrates grounds and costs were awarded against the council.

Day nursery, Doyle Avenue: the appeal was allowed because nitrates is not an issue because there is already a residential element.

70. 19/01016/TPO - Trust Twin Satellite Flat 10 Langstone Student Village Furze Lane Southsea (AI 5)

Andrew Knight, Arboricultural Officer introduced the application.

Janice Burkinshaw made a deputation and requested that the tree be replaced by the same species.

Members' Questions.

In response to questions, the following points were explained:

Lombardy Poplars generally live for about 75 years old. They are a pioneer species and as such grow fast but are not strong. Their wood is poor quality and susceptible to fungal colonisation. A different species with a similar shape would probably be the best replacement e.g. a hornbeam or a fastidigate Oak.

Members' Comments.

Members agreed that a tree with a longer life expectancy would be appropriate as a replacement for this Lombardy Poplar.

DECISION permission was granted subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report with the following amendment:

The standard of the tree species to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to felling.

The meeting concluded at 1.35 pm.

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Signed by the Chair of the meeting
Councillor Hugh Mason