

Runnymede Borough CouncilPLANNING COMMITTEE19 June 2002 at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the Committee present: Councillors V.E. Barker (Chairman), Mrs. J. Norman (Vice Chairman), J.R. Ashmore, Mrs. F.J. Barden, Mrs. P I Broadhead, A.G. Collins, J.R. Furey, Mrs. C.E. Gant, Mrs. L.M. Gillham, P.A. Greenwood, R. Pate, Mrs. V.A. Smallman, N. Thewlis, A.P. Tollett, and J.R. Whiteley.

Members of the Committee absent: None

Councillor J.M. Edwards also attended.

110. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Group mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive Officer of its wish that the change listed below be made to the membership of the Committee. The change was for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting and thereafter the Councillor removed would be re-appointed.

<u>Group requesting Change</u>	<u>Remove from Membership</u>	<u>Appoint Instead</u>
Conservative	Councillor Mrs. F.M. Angell	Councillor Mrs C.E. Gant

The Chief Executive Officer had given effect to these wishes in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

111. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 May 2002 were approved and signed as a correct record.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs F.M. Barden declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Runnymede Code of Conduct for Members in application RU.02/0386. Councillor Mrs Barden withdrew from the room at the appropriate time and took no part in the consideration thereon.

113. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning applications listed below were considered by the Committee. All representations received on the applications were reported and copies were made available for inspection by Members before the meeting.

RESOLVED that -

the following applications be determined as indicated and any permission granted be subject to the conditions authorised.

APP. NO.**LOCATION, PROPOSAL AND DECISION****RU 01/1391**

Land at Fox Lane North, Pycroft Road, Guildford Street (South) Eastworth Road, Charles Street and Station Road, Chertsey

Variation of condition (13) of planning permission RU.00/0970 in respect of the Chertsey Revitalisation Scheme to allow occupation of Phase 8 (Aymer House) in advance of the refurbishment of nos. 23, 25 and 27 Guildford Street

DECISION: Subject to the satisfactory completion of the

agreed emergency repair works to secure the premises and stabilise the fabric of the buildings, the Borough Technical Services Officer be authorised to GRANT permission following consultation, where appropriate, with the Chairman or in his absence the Vice-Chairman of the Committee subject to condition.

- RU 02/0139** **23, 25, 27 and part 21 Guildford Street (South), Chertsey**
Single storey rear extension and corridor extension to
existing dwellings (23 and 25 Guildford Street) together
with re-configuration of the residential curtilage within the
Chertsey Revitalisation Scheme
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0140** **23, 25, 27 and part of 21 Guildford Street, Chertsey**
Listed Building consent application for single storey rear
extension and corridor extension to existing dwellings (23
and 25 Guildford Street) together with internal alterations
and other repair works all to upgrade accommodation for
contemporary residential use
DECISION: GRANT Listed Building Consent subject to
conditions
- RU 02/0288** **Former St David's School Site, London Road, Egham**
Variation to condition 3 (landscaping) of planning
permission RU.96/0919 to retain the tree and shrub
planting as planted (revised 24.5.02)
DECISION: REFUSE for the following reason:
- The planting which is not in accordance with the approved**
landscaped drawings is inadequate and fails to achieve the
desired screening and amenity value of the original
landscaping scheme which sought to provide informal
landscaped areas with deciduous trees. This results in a
detrimental impact on the character of the area and the
visual appearance of the streetscene, contrary to Policy
BE15 of the Runnymede Borough Local Plan Second
Alteration April 2001.
- RU 02/0343** **Land r/o 18 and 20 Brighton Road, Addlestone**
Erection of detached dwelling and garage (amended siting
of dwelling and garage - Revised plans received 27.5.02)
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0344** **Dawn Cottage, Sheerwater Avenue, Woodham**
Erection of single storey garage and two-storey side
extension
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0345** **12 Hare Hill, Addlestone**
Erection of a two storey side extension (roof hipped and
windows to front elevation altered. Revised plans received
23.5.02)
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0386** **179 Almnors Road, Lyne**
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of
replacement dwelling (revised plans received 20.5.02)
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions

- RU 02/0423** **Bankside, Faris Lane, Woodham**
Erection of raised roof to form first floor with dormers, rear conservatory, side bay windows and porch
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0460** **43 Fernlands Close, Chertsey**
Erection of part two-storey and single-storey rear extension
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0473** **The Ark, Laleham Reach, Chertsey**
Provision of new window in the first floor western side elevation
DECISION: REFUSE for the following reason:
- The proposed window would, if approved, have an adverse impact on the residential amenities of the occupiers of St Rona, contrary to the requirements of Policies GB6 and HO9 of the Runnymede Borough Local Plan Second Alteration April 2001 due to the overlooking and loss of privacy that would result.**
- RU 02/0520** **TASIS, Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe**
Installation of 3 dormer windows, 4 rooflights in the roof for additional headroom to existing teaching areas following removal of 8 existing rooflights
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0525** **16 Burleigh Close, Addlestone**
Erection of single storey front and two storey side extension
DECISION: i) GRANT subject to conditions
ii) consideration be given to preservation of the tree on site
- RU 02/0539** **Brackley, Rosemary Lane, Thorpe**
Erection of a detached double garage in the rear garden of the property
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0550** **Savill Court Hotel, Bishopsgate Road, Englefield Green**
Temporary erection of a field kitchen for one day a week between Spring and end of November
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions
- RU 02/0572** **9 The Ridings, Addlestone**
Erection of side extension including roof alterations and installation of dormers
DECISION: GRANT subject to conditions

114. AIMS AND TARGETS 2001/2002 - OUTTURN

The Committee noted the outturn (Appendix 'A') on the Planning Aims and Targets for 2001-2002 and Officers were congratulated on their performance in achieving the targets.

115. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND BUILDING CONTROL - BEST VALUE INSPECTORS' REPORT

The Committee was informed of the results of a Best Value Inspection of the Development Control and Building Control Services.

The Building Control Service was assessed as good and the Development Control Service as fair with both having promising prospects for improvements.

The Inspectors put forward a variety of recommendations aimed at i) improving the customer focus of the services, ii) improving speed of decision making in Development Control, iii) maintaining consistent service quality and recent improvements in speed of decision, iv) developing planning and performance management, and v) completion of review of improvement plans for Building Control and Development Control.

Various points were made by Members on the Best Value Inspectors Report. In particular, discussion took place on the recommendation to increase access to planning application details in areas of the Borough outside Addlestone. This had been considered a few years previously and rejected on costs and impracticality. However, it was reported that improved access would be achieved towards the end of the year as planning applications would be placed on the Council's website.

Overall many of the recommendations raised by the Best Value Inspectors were being addressed and revisions were being made to the Continuous Improvement Plans which would be submitted to Committee in due course. Members considered that the Best Value Inspector's Report was too prescriptive with a regrettable emphasis on negative rather than the many positive aspects of the service. It was also acknowledged that many of the recommendations had significant resource implications.

RESOLVED that -

- i) the contents of the Best Value Inspector's Report and its recommendations be noted and these be incorporated into revised Best Value Continuous Improvement Plans; and**
- ii) Officers prepare reports as appropriate to monitor and review the Best Value Continuous Improvement Plan.**

116. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY BOROUGH TECHNICAL SERVICES OFFICER

A list of planning applications recently determined by the Borough Technical Services Officer under his delegated powers was received and noted.

(The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.)

Chairman