

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on Thursday 14th November 2013 in the Council Chamber, Alnwick at 6.20pm.

Present: Cllrs R Roberts (Chairman), P Allcroft, P Broom, B Grisdale, M Harrington, P Holt, B Hewison, J Humphries, G Mavin, K Moore and A Symmonds.

P24/13 Apologies

Cllr D Farrar.

P25/13 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Humphries declared a pecuniary interest in application 13/03109/OUT Land East of Greensfield Alnwick.

P26/13 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th October were approved and they were duly signed by the Committee Chairman.

P27/13 Matters Arising

None

P28/13 To minute responses made since last meeting

Since the last meeting the following plan had been circulated electronically and following comments made by councillors, a response had been submitted as listed below:

13/03169/FUL 8 Blakelaw Road, Double storey extension and drive widening.

Alnwick Town Council has no objections to the application but would expect drop kerbs to be fitted to the new drive area:

P29/13 Planning Applications

The following applications were discussed and comments were made as listed:

13/03181/VARYCO Willoughbys Bank, Clayport Bank, Variation of Condition 4 –render colour and sample.

No objections

13/03183/LBC The Gate Gallery, 12 Bondgate Within. Listed Building consent for internal alterations.

No objections

13/03109/OUT Land East of Greensfield Alnwick, Outline permission for approx. 271 residential dwellings and extra care facility with improved access from Weavers Way and improved roundabout and new road from Willowburn Avenue.

Councillor Humphries has requested to be able to speak to the application as a resident of adjacent dwelling. He highlighted the large size of the development, the access to Weavers Way, the impact of traffic on Wagonway Road, flooding and questioned if 35% affordable housing would be delivered. After he had addressed the Committee he left the Council Chamber whilst Councillors debated the application

Following a discussion the following comments were agreed:

Access and traffic volume.

We have concerns about the additional pressure on the Weavers Way entrance/exit and this is likely to be increased if the new school is placed on the adjacent site. Traffic Data should take into account all the likely components of the area 'masterplan'. It may be necessary to consider a pedestrian crossing.

Green Space

Given the below average provision of green space in Alnwick we would have liked to see more green space within the development and would like to see this addressed in the full application(s).

13/03304/ADE Percy Street Hall, Percy Street. Advertising Consent for 4 fascia signs.

No objections

13/03279/FUL Land South of Weavers Way, proposed erection of 58 one and two bedroomed apartments for elderly, communal facilities etc.

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Car Parking

Sufficient Car parking spaces should be provided for residents

Demand

Has the demand for this type of accommodation been proved?.

13/03270/FUL 111 Windsor Gardens Single storey extension to the rear, side and front elevations

No objections

The meeting closed at 6.59 p.m.