SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Consultation Committee held at 7.00pm on Monday 8th August 2022 in Sandbach Town Hall.

PRESENT Councillors R Hovey (Chair)

G Merry D Poole

G Price Jones

S Broad

Also in attendance were 4 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs S Crane and M Muldoon

No apologies received: Cllr P Eaton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow Members of the Public to speak.

As there were no questions, the meeting was reconvened.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2022 AND 18 JULY 2022.

The minutes were deferred until the next meeting of the Committee due to there not being enough members in attendance from the meetings.

4. OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submitted WE 22.07.22 response to Cheshire East by 09.08.22

22/2862C 86 Congleton Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HG

Single storey side/rear kitchen extension.

Resolved: No objection.

22/2825C 62A & B Green Street, Sandbach, CW11 1GX

Conversion and extension of existing commercial premises into two dwellings and conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation (amendment to approved application 21/5103C)

Resolved: No objection.

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22/2931C 1 Peartree Close, Sandbach, CW11 2LT

Rear extension and loft conversion.

Resolved: No objection, subject to the bathroom windows being of an obscured glazing and restricted opening design to protect neighbours amenity.

22/2941C Graylyn, 67 Elton Road, Sandbach, CW11 3NE

Single and two storey extensions and loft conversion.

Resolved: No objection, subject to there being adequate parking facilities for the additional bedrooms. Members ask that the Planning Officer ensures that there is enough off street parking.

22/223C Greenspace next to Sandbach Park Lower Bowling Club, Club House, Lower Bowling Green, Sandbach Park, CW11 1FJ

To install a waterless, accessible, unisex, carbon neutral toilet facility next to the clubhouse of Sandbach Park Bowling Club.

Resolved: Members support the application.

Submitted WE 29.07.22 response to Cheshire East by 15.08.22

22/2933C 36 Queens Drive, Sandbach, CW11 1BN

Erection of ground floor rear extension to dwelling.

Resolved: No objection.

22/2985C 442 Crewe Road, Sandbach, CW11 4QG

Proposed demolition of existing utility outrigger and construction of new single storey rear extension.

Resolved: No objection.

22/2991C Bus Shelter at Ashfields Medical Centre, Middlewich Road, Sandbach Double sided digital display bus shelter advertising displays.

Resolved: No objection providing it doesn't distract drivers approaching the pedestrian crossing.

22/2629C 21 Church Street, Sandbach, CW11 1FX

Addition of two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling to include associated internal alterations and the addition of a porch canopy to the front elevation.

Resolved: No objection, subject to the heritage officer having no issue with the proposed window and door openings.

Submitted WE 05.08.22 response to Cheshire East by 18.08.22

22/2855C 26 Moss Lane, Sandbach, CW11 3JW

Formation of a replacement two storey dwelling on the footprint of an existing bungalow with a new attached garage.

Resolved: No objection.

22/2785C 474 Crewe Road, Sandbach

Planning Application for creation of an additional assisted living accommodation C3(b).

Resolved: Members **OBJECT** to this application for the following reasons:

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- There is no plan available for parking and no parking available nearby. As there is 24 hour staff cover, it can be assumed that at least 2 parking spaces would be needed at all times. Parking on the main road is not acceptable.
- The single access for the property leads onto a busy main road this
 is not appropriate for vulnerable residents.
- Members hold serious concerns over fire safety there is only one exit in total and no exit from the rear or upstairs of the property.
- Members believe that this is an unsatisfactory use for the property. They are concerned about the amenity of vulnerable residents on this busy main road. For example, the ground floor flat at the front depicts a bed with the head of the resident right next to the window that looks onto the road and footpath. The needs of residents don't appear to have been considered when planning the layout of facilities in the building.

Members support Cllr Laure Crane's call in of this application.

22/1249C 15 Fairfield Avenue, Sandbach, CW11 4BW

We currently have a partial fence around a section of our front garden, this fence is 114cm high at it's highest point. We wish to raise the fence level in line with our current rear garden to up to 6ft as well as continue the fence along the front garden and bringing it back towards the house to connect. Basically looking to add some square footage to our rear garden that currently wraps around the fence. We will then be removing the shrubbery from the other side of our front garden and graveling the drive to allow for use of cars.

Resolved: Members **OBJECT** to this application as they are concerned that a high fence around the front of the property is still not in keeping with the street scene.

22/3045C 122 Congleton Road, Sandbach, CW11 1DN

Variation of Condition 2 on approval 21/0599C for two storey rear extension. **Resolved:** No objection.

22/3151C 16 Gawsworth Drive, Sandbach, CW11 1DY

Demolition of existing Garage and Proposed single storey front, side and rear extensions with loft conversion.

This application was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee as there were no documents available online.

5. CONSULTATIONS

5.1 Department for Culture, Media and Sport – Short Term Holiday Lets Information attached and available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/developing-a-tourist-

accommodation-registration-scheme-in-england/developing-a-tourist-

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accommodation-registration-scheme-in-england-call-for-evidence The closing date for the consultation is 30th August 2022 at noon.

Members do not feel able to make comments on this consultation and commented that it falls more within the remit if the Principal Authority to comment.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Cheshire East Council

Email received 22nd July confirming that the inquiry into the Stopping up order for FP14 will start on 10th January 2023.

The correspondence was received.

6.2 Cheshire East Council

Email received 30th July concerning the relaunch of Local Highways Service. Members are asked provide a steer for the highway maintenance priorities for which whole council support would be sought for.

Members commented that they see the following as the main issues, in order of priority, in Sandbach:

- 1) Repair potholes when they first appear, instead of letting them degrade to a particular depth. This is a Sandbach wide issue
- 2) White lines and road marking throughout Sandbach are in poor condition. In several places it is impossible to see where a junction starts. A particular example is the junction outside Sandbach Train Station.
- 3) Weedkilling at the correct time of year and gutter cleaning. Sandbach has seen a proliferation of weeds throughout the entire Town Centre in 2022 as weedkilling has either been carried out at the wrong time, or not at all. In several cases vegetation has been allowed to cover footpaths. A particular example of this would be along old Mill Road and up the High Street by St. Mary's church, but this has been a problem everywhere.
- 4) Visibility of road signage due to vegetation/dirty signage. Again, this is a Sandbach wide issue.
- 5) Timely removal of temporary signage and traffic lights. There have been several recent instances in Sandbach of temporary signage and traffic lights remaining on site for some time after road works have been completed.

Resolved: That the above priorities be suggested to Full Council for submission to Cheshire East Council.

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7. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, 30 August 2022 at 7pm in Sandbach Town Hall.

Meeting closed 20.06 Cllr R Hovey MW

Chair Signature:

Date: