

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Planning Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 20 July 2017 commencing at 7.50 pm.

PRESENT            Councillors: J. Bullock, (in the Chair) M. Brady, R. Graham,  
M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, G. Stone, P. Wright  
C. Hutchinson, Town Clerk  
C. Morris, Deputy Town Clerk  
1 member of the public  
1 member of the press

CHAIR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 3719            The Chair outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS

PL 3720            Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Denton,  
Holmes, Rock, Root and Schofield as presented.

TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY  
MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN  
INTEREST:

PL 3721            None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 22 JUNE 2017

PL 3723            Resolved to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held  
on 22 June 2017.

TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH (TOWN AND  
COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SCHED 1, PARA 8)

PL 3724            In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning  
Committee where the decision about planning would be made,  
Councillor Kellett would not take part in the discussion or voting.

00903/17

200-202 Chorley New Road

Change of use and conversion of No 200 to 2No self-contained flats  
including external staircase and balcony at rear across Nos 200 and  
202.

There had been no comments and no objections. Members  
welcomed more flats in view of the shortage of housing. It was  
resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01094/17

West Field, Foxholes Road  
Erection of porch at side.

There had been no objections and one letter of support Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01115/17

174-176 Chorley New Road.  
Change of use from retail (Class a!) to micro pub (Class A4).

There had been no objections. Greater Manchester Police had made several recommendations with regard to security issues. Members expressed the view that this development would be good for Horwich. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01133/17

9 Ridgmont Drive  
Alterations to existing roof to form first floor with 2No front facing dormers together with extensions at front, side and rear.

There had been no objections or comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01146/17

Hole Hill Farm, Matchmoor Lane  
Demolition of existing redundant agricultural buildings, conversion of existing barn to form 1No dwelling and erection of 2No additional dwellings with attached garages.

There had been 3 letters of objection on grounds that the dwellings were out of character with the area, three storeys would be highly visible and too prominent, extra traffic on the narrow lanes would be a safety issue, footpaths are not shown on the plans, concern about neighbouring water supply, there are no main sewers in the area, the farm buildings are not redundant, electricity supplies are problematic in this area, views from public areas will be spoilt, light pollution, impact on wildlife.

Greenspace had identified wildlife habitats and species that might be impacted by the proposed development including bats, nesting birds including swifts and water voles and had requested conditions to preserve the environmental and bio diversity of the area.

Highways had requested amendments to the application to widen access with Edge Lane and to accommodate two way traffic and to

provide an area for vehicles to turn. The Ramblers Association have objected to the current proposals as the plans appear to ignore the existence of three public footpath which pass through the site.

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application on grounds of overdevelopment, impact on the biodiversity of the surrounding area and concerns about highway safety and public access.

01211/17

Curley's Dining Room Limited, Curley's Trout Fishery, Wallsuches.  
Variation of condition 21 on application 77938/08 (siting of 2No refrigeration units and reorganisation of sales area.

There had been no objections and no comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

01233/17

Land at rear Gordons Service Station, 427 Chorley New Road  
Prior notification application for the installation of a 17.5M high monopole supporting 3No antennas and 2No dishes together with 3No equipment cabinets within a fenced compound.

Although there had been no objections, some Members expressed concern at the size of the proposed structure, however according to the information supplied on the planning website residents of Telford Street had been consulted.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application. 4 abstentions were noted.

01313/17#

5 Crompton Road, Lostock  
Erection of porch at front.

There had been no objections or comments. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

#### BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 3725      None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 3726      a) Bolton Council: Horwich Leisure Centre Development – information about temporary access.  
b) Bolton Council: notification of temporary road closure on various streets due to Ironman – Sunday 16 July 2017.

Resolved to note the correspondence as presented.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS 24 AUGUST 2017:

PL 3727            Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting as 24 August 2017.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 3728            Councillor Bullock raised concerns about recent applications regarding the Loco Works development and suggested that Members view the planning website for further information.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

Chairperson ..... Date.....