

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 23 November 2023 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: C. Rotheram (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, K. McKeon, J. Scoble, J. Walton, S. Williamson, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 4406 Councillor Rotheram outlined the fire and safety evacuation procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

PL 4407 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Bamforth, Rigby and Rock.

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

PL 4408 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Grant stated that he would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2023:

PL 4409 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19 October 2023.

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

PL 4410 **16953/23**

Higher House, Princess Road, Lostock

Erection of two storey extension at front with juliet balconies together with first floor extension at rear.

There had been 1 objection – site/plan registry plan is wrong, giving impression that the plot is larger than it actually is: overdevelopment of the plot; proposed parking insufficient for a property of that size; design contrary to the original design of the properties; loss of privacy to neighbour; concern about land stability; there is a restrictive covenant on the land. Tree and Woodland Officer had commented that the design layout must include a Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement to demonstrate how the development can be accomplished without impact on retained trees and hedges

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend approval of this application.

16986/23

14 Stocks Park Drive

Erection of porch to front, single storey extension to rear and car port to side

No comments.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application

17107/23

531 Chorley New Road

Conversion of existing dwellinghouse into a hot food takeaway at ground floor and self-contained flat above together with associated alterations to external elevations including new shop front and entrance steps, flue and external staircase to rear

Highways had commented that there are no reasonable objections on highway grounds to what is being proposed.

There had been 3 objections – already 5 take aways within 100 metres, next door to a residential property, would be better as flats, insufficient parking.

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application due to loss of dwelling when there is a shortage of housing stock; would not be in keeping with rest of neighbouring terraced houses; lack of parking; proliferation of takeaway establishments in a small area; increase in rubbish/littering. It was also resolved to ask one of the relevant Ward Councillor to request that this application to be considered at Bolton Planning Committee

17141/23

Toro, 69 Church Street

Siting of 5No externally illuminated fascia signs and 1No externally illuminated projecting sign

Highways commented that there were no reasonable objections on highway grounds and the projecting sign should have a highway licence.

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application due to it being out of character and inappropriate in conservation area as aim of conservation strategy is to protect and enhance. Noted that a correction required in the wording of the application to 1No internally illuminated projecting sign

16973/23

41 Skylark Close

Conversion of garage to habitable room, erection of porch extension and formation of driveway

Highways commented on condition for 2 parking spaces (2.4m x 4.8m each space) with implementation of vehicle access crossing from Sky Lark Close to facilitate access to the amended parking provision as indicated.

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 4411 Contrary planning decisions presented were noted

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS): FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4412 None.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AS 21 DECEMBER 2023:

PL 4413 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee as 21 December 2023.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4414 None

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....