

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2007**

PRESENT: Councillors E. C. Tibby (Chairman), G. N. Denaro (Vice-Chairman), D. Hancox, B. Lewis F.CMI, E. J. Murray, D. L. Pardoe (substituting for Mrs. J. D. Luck), S. R. Peters, C. R. Scurrall, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

Officers: Mr. D. Hammond, Mrs. D. Warren, Mrs. H. Plant, Mr. S. Hawley (Worcestershire County Council) and Mr. A. C. Stephens

97/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. D. Luck and C. J. Tidmarsh.

98/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:-

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Application</u></b>	<b><u>Nature of Interest</u></b>
Councillor C. R. Scurrall	B/2007/0691	Personal. Is a member of Belbroughton Parish Council's Planning Committee which had previously considered the matter.
Councillor C. R. Scurrall	B/2007/1092	Personal. Is a member of Belbroughton Parish Council's Planning Committee which had previously considered the matter.
Councillor C. R. Scurrall	B/2007/1094	Personal. Is a member of Belbroughton Parish Council's Planning Committee which had previously considered the matter.

99/07 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8th October 2007 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

100/07 **B/2007/1032-HB - AMENDMENT TO THE PERIMETER FENCE OF THE NEW SCHOOLS AND PROPOSED FOOTPATH DIVERSION - MEADOWS FIRST AND PARKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, STOURBRIDGE ROAD, BROMSGROVE - HBG CONSTRUCTION MIDLANDS LTD.**

The Head of Planning and Environment Services reported the comments of the West Mercia Constabulary, the Acting Head of Culture and Community

Services and the Bromsgrove Society, together with an additional letter of objection.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. R. Skidmore addressed the Committee on behalf of local residents and spoke in objection to the application.

**RESOLVED** that consideration of the application be deferred in order that the footpath diversion issues may be clarified before a decision is reached.

101/07 **B/2007/0691-DI - ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL STORAGE BUILDING FOR MACHINERY AND FODDER (RETROSPECTIVE) - BELCOTE FARM, MEARSE LANE, BELBROUGHTON - MR. M. TURAN**

The Head of Planning and Environment Services reported the receipt of additional letters from the applicant's Agent.

**RESOLVED** that permission be granted subject to the following amended condition and the notes set out or referred to on page 18 of the report:-

1. C23 (temporary 3 year period)

102/07 **B/2007/1092-DI - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF HARD-STANDING YARD AREA ADJACENT TO BUILDING FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES - BELCOTE FARM, MEARSE LANE, BELBROUGHTON - MR. M. TURAN**

The Head of Planning and Environment Services reported the comments of Belbroughton Parish Council.

Consideration was given to this application which had been recommended for refusal by the Head of Planning and Environment Services.

On the matter being put to the vote, Members considered that the proposal was not harmful to the openness of the Green Belt and the purposes of including land within the Green Belt.

**RESOLVED** that permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

1. C23 (temporary 3 year period)
2. There shall be no storage of any materials and / or machinery externally to the agricultural storage building

103/07 **B/2007/1094-DI - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF ACCESS TRACK FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY - BELCOTE FARM, MEARSE LANE, BELBROUGHTON - MR. M. TURAN**

The Head of Planning and Environment Services reported the comments of Belbroughton Parish Council, and clarified issues relating to upgrading the access track compared to the creation of a new route. Comment was also made in respect of the visual impact of the track and how it may benefit from screening, and the poor drainage associated with the area.

**RESOLVED** that authority to refuse the application be delegated to the Head of Planning and Environment Services upon the expiry of the publicity period on 6th November 2007.

104/07 **APPEAL DECISIONS**

Members considered a report which detailed the decisions of planning appeals which had been determined since the last meeting of the Committee.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

105/07 **B/2006/0864-SW - EXTENSION OF QUARRY AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING PARK AND RESTORATION OF WHOLE SITE TO NATURE CONSERVATION, AMENITY AND AGRICULTURAL USES - COUNTY MATTER 407671 - THE QUARRY, SANDY LANE, WILDMOOR, BROMSGROVE - WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

(The Chairman agreed to the consideration of this item as a matter of urgency because a decision was required thereon before the next meeting of the Committee.)

The Head of Planning and Environment Services reported that Worcestershire County Council had consulted the Council in respect of further information provided by the applicants of County Matter 407671 for the extension of quarry and proposed development of an integrated resource recovery and recycling park, previously considered by the Committee on 6th November 2006 (Minute No. 62/06 refers). He explained that the Council had been re-consulted on the application in the light of the further information, and how the proposal would be likely to affect Green Belt policy, traffic and highway implications, amenities and the ecology of the area.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the County Council be informed that this Council continues to strongly object to the proposals for the extension of the quarry; and
- (ii) that, as all of the alternative sites investigated by the applicants appear to be in Worcestershire, the Council would question whether any consideration has been given to the use of land within the West Midlands.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm

Chairman