

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

6TH JULY 2015 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors R. J. Deeming (Chairman), P.L. Thomas (Vice-Chairman), C. Allen-Jones, M. T. Buxton, G. N. Denaro (substituting for Councillor K.J. May), M. Glass, C.A. Hotham, S. R. Peters, L. J. Turner (substituting for Councillor S.J.Baxter) and P. J. Whittaker

Officers: Mr. D. M. Birch, Mr. A. Hussain, Ms. R. Lambert, Mrs. J. Smyth and S Williams

14/15 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors S.J. Baxter, K.J. May and S.P. Shannon.

15/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M. Glass declared an Other Disclosable Interest in Agenda Item 6 in view of the fact that he was acquainted with the Applicant and also that his daughter was a pupil at the school. Councillor Glass withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this matter and took no part in its discussion nor voting thereon.

Councillor C.A. Hotham also declared an Other Disclosable interest in Agenda Item 6 (Planning Application 2015/0220 – Bromsgrove School, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove) in that he had undertaken a Teacher Training Course at the school 10 years previously. Councillor Hotham remained and participated and voted on the matter.

16/15 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1st June 2015 were submitted.

Officers responded to a Member's query in regard to Minute 10/15 – Application 2015/0119 (28 new dwellings with site access and infrastructure on land at E402590 N273285 Birmingham Road, Alvechurch) and agreed to provide further clarification outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

17/15 **2015/0196 - CHANGE OF USE TO CREATE ONE NO. A1 RETAIL UNIT AND ALTERATIONS TO FRONT ELEVATION TO FORM A NEW SHOPFRONT - 493 BIRMINGHAM ROAD, CATSHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE B61 0HY - MR CHEONG TAK WONG**

RESOLVED that Planning Permission be granted, subject to the Conditions and Informative as detailed on pages 8 to 9 of the Agenda report.

18/15 **2015/0220 - REPLACEMENT MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT ROUTH HALL, NEW MUSIC AND DRAMA CLASSROOMS AT COBHAM HOUSE, NEW EXTERNAL LANDSCAPED LINK AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS - BROMSGROVE SCHOOL, WORCESTER ROAD, BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE B61 7DU - MRS LESLEY BROOKES**

The Committee noted additional information by way of an oral Update report in relation to amended plans that had been received further to comments from the Council's Conservation Advisor. Officers reported that the amended plans had satisfied the Conservation Officer's concerns and the recommendation was now one of approval subject to conditions, rather than delegated authority as indicated in the Agenda report.

Members also noted that a request by Historic England to have Routh Hall listed had been unsuccessful and that a late submission has been received from 20th Century Society in regard to the scale of the proposed extensions to Routh Hall, which Officers advised appeared to refer to the original submitted plans. The Committee was informed that the amended plans addressed the concerns raised by 20th Century Society.

RESOLVED that Planning Permission be granted, subject to the Conditions and Informative as detailed on pages 16 to 17 of the Agenda report.

19/15 **2015/0376 - CHANGE OF USE OF FIRST FLOOR FROM STORAGE TO ADDITIONAL SEATING AREA - BAND PHOOL BALTI HOUSE, 116-118 NEW ROAD, RUBERY, WORCESTERSHIRE B45 9HY - MR SHEIKH MIAH**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor P.M. McDonald addressed the Committee on behalf of Councillor C.M. McDonald, on whose Ward the Application site was situated.

Members then considered the application, which was recommended for approval by Officers. Having considered the report and representations, Members were of the view that additional conditions were required to minimise any additional noise and smell issues relating to the proposed new first floor use of the application site.

RESOLVED that Planning Permission be granted, subject to the Conditions detailed on page 22 of the Agenda report and the following additional Conditions:

- 3) First floor windows to the front elevation of the building facing New Road to be fixed shut in perpetuity
- 4) Details of Noise Attenuation proposals in respect of the use of the upper floorspace for additional restaurant space to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The meeting closed at 6.32 p.m.

Chairman