

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 29TH MARCH 2010

AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors E. C. Tibby (Chairman), Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Miss D. H. Campbell JP, S. R. Colella (substituting for Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E.), R. J. Deeming, D. Hancox (substituting for B. Lewis F.CMI), Mrs. J. D. Luck, E. J. Murray, S. R. Peters, C. J. Tidmarsh and C. J. K. Wilson

Observers: Councillors Mrs. C. M. McDonald and P. M. McDonald

Officers: Mrs. D. Warren, Mr. D. M. Birch, Mr. J. Turner, Mr. S. Hawley (Worcestershire Highways) and Mr. A. C. Stephens

129/09 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. and B. Lewis F.CMI.

(Note: Councillors G. N. Denaro and P. J. Whittaker were present in the public gallery at the commencement of the meeting but then left the Chamber and, therefore, were not present during the consideration and voting.)

130/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

131/09 **09/0729-JT - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND ERECTION OF NEW SINGLE STOREY (CLASS A1) FOOD RETAIL STORE INCORPORATING CAR-PARKING AND LANDSCAPING - BGW BUSINESS PARK, 76 - 88 SHERWOOD ROAD, BROMSGROVE, B60 3DR - ALDI STORES LIMITED**

The Head of Planning and Environment Services clarified the address of the site and post code. He also reported the receipt of an additional letter of objection, the applicant's response to the objection and the additional comments of Worcestershire Highways, together with his own comments on this correspondence.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. A. Bharaj addressed the Committee and spoke in opposition to the application, whilst Mr. N. Dennison spoke in favour of the proposals. Councillor Mrs. C. M. McDonald also addressed the Committee in respect of the application.

Consideration was then given to the application, together with the issues relating to the proposals, as detailed in the report, with specific reference to:

- (a) the change of use of the land from employment use to retail use;
- (b) possible alternative sites and related retail policy considerations;
- (c) highways and access issues, including the effects on air quality; and
- (d) monetary contributions in respect of pedestrian access and town centre improvements.

RESOLVED: that, subject to the applicant entering into an appropriate legal mechanism under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to monetary contributions to be made towards:

- (a) a controlled pedestrian crossing on the A.38 to provide better access to Stoke Heath; and
- (b) town centre improvement measures to safeguard the vitality and viability of the town centre and / or improve links between the town centre and Stoke Heath / Charford area,

permission be granted subject to the conditions and notes set out or referred to on pages 25 to 34 of the report.

132/09 **10/0120-MT - CHANGE OF USE FROM MARKET HALL TO CAR PARK - MARKET HALL, ST. JOHN STREET, BROMSGROVE, B61 8QY - BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Head of Planning and Environment Services referred to this application and stated that it had been withdrawn.

The meeting closed at 1.45 p.m.

Chairman