

Agenda item: LD 08/20

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning Committee

Monday 18th May 2020

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

**To update the committee on 20/00876/FULR3
Erection of one 5G communication mast 22.4m in height with associated
cabinets
Telecommunications Site, Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes.**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes the response from Full Council regarding the above application.**
- 2. That the committee agrees to the Council Manager submitting the attached response to the MKC Planning Department.**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Due to timescales involved, this application was discussed at Full Council on 11th May 2020 (FC 146/20). The decision at that meeting was that the council would request further discussion within this meeting, but that overall the council was supportive of the application and a wish for Woughton to benefit from the 5G installation, whilst expressing concerns about the placement and potential impact of the installation. There was a request for further information regarding the site decision – there was an additional paper provided within the planning portal on 11th May, which did not allow sufficient time for consideration within the Full Council meeting. However, this additional paper did extend the consultation time to the 25th May, allowing this committee to review all relevant information.

To add to the information provided to Full Council (see paper FC 146/20), this committee has been provided with access to all information pertaining to the application. The additional paper that was submitted by the applicant detailed the reasoning for the site decisions (see attached for full paper). To provide a brief overview, the applicant based sites on:

- Best performance and data rates (coverage of widest area)
- Clear issues with planning permission
- Cost (did potential sites require expensive road closures or similar)
- Height of surrounding (or planned) buildings
- Access to both power and data sources (City Fibre and Western Power Distribution)
- Bio-diversity (which prevented use of one alternative site)

The application has suggested that the installation will be painted to either be grey (to fit in with what is described as the 'surrounding street clutter') or, if preferred, green to fit in with the tree line.

This document alongside other relevant documentation can be found on Sharepoint at:

Data - Documents\Councillors and Committees\Committees\Planning Licencing & Development Committee\2020.2021\5G Mast Peartree Bridge.

Or on the MK Council Planning Portal at: <https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/> (search Peartree Bridge or 20/00876/FULR3).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

FC 146 / 20 and associated documents.

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning Committee

Monday 18th May 2020

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

**To discuss the planning application 20/00903/FUL
Proposed single storey extension to existing Construction Skills Classroom,
Bridge Academy Central, Jonathans, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5DE**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee considers the application and associated documents.**
- 2. That the committee agrees to support / object / make no comment on the application.**
- 3. That the Council Manager provides a written response to MK Council.**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The Bridge Academy provides education to students from across the city who are excluded from mainstream school. This application is to extend, within the current boundaries of their land, the construction skills classroom, to provide additional learning space. The new development is a total of 55 square metres.

The application states that there will be no additional staff or students taken on as a result of this application and provision, but that it will increase provision of construction skills which they state are an essential element of their educational offer.

The Council Manager has looked at the plans and whilst noting some minor inaccuracies with the application form, does not see any material factors which would result in any objection. The proposal is to continue the same design within the new development (which they state cannot be seen from the highway – the Council Manager is not sure on this but will undertake a visual assessment prior to this meeting).

The inaccuracies / queries are:

- The applicant states that the development is not in an area of flood risk, also stating that it would not increase the flood risk anywhere else. Given flood events over recent years, the Council Manager is unclear as to whether this is accurate or not and would welcome the MKC Flood Management teams view on this.
- The application states that surface water will be managed via existing sewerage system.

- Foul sewerage is stated as being disposed of via the 'main sewer', but it also states that they are not proposing to connect to the existing system. Clarity on this matter would be welcomed.
- The application states that employment will be affected by the development, but then goes on to state that the number of employees will remain the same. Clarity on this matter would be welcomed.
- The application states that there will be no hazardous substances or industrial or commercial processes. Given the nature of this proposal (construction), can this be further confirmed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

There are existing concerns about the impact that Bridge Academy have locally, especially related to parking and anti-social behaviour from students. However, this proposal will not impact negatively on this as no additional parking or students are expected.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

All papers are available either via the MKC Planning Portal (<https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/>) or within the WCC 'Sharepoint' within the Planning+ Committee folder (Bridge Academy May 2020).

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning Committee

Monday 18th May 2020

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on current 'street trading' applications.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 3. That the committee notes the report.**
- 4. That if the committee has any concerns, that the Council Manager responds to the Licencing Authority.**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The Council Manager receives regular communications from the Licencing Team at MK Council regarding street traders applying for or renewing their licences. This includes ice-cream vans, kebab / burger vans and similar and both static and mobile traders. There are conditions attached to these licences:

- No more than 20 minutes trading in any 100 metre part of any one Consent Street on any one day (mobile traders).
- Street Trading is prohibited within 250 metres of any school's entrances and/or exits, during main school hours and 30 minutes following a school's normal closing time (all traders).

Current applications are:

- MK Ices (Reg DG10 HCV) on 01/05/2020 for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times: **Monday to Sunday 14:00 to 21:00.**
- Mister Softee (Reg J192 NVV) on 07/05/2020 for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times: **Monday to Sunday 16:00 to 20:00.**
- Mr Softee (Reg T402 POA) on 07/05/2020 for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times: **Monday to Sunday 14:00 to 20:00.**
- Soft99Whip (Reg S99 WHP) on 07/05/2020 for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times: **Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 20:00.**

All three applications are subject to the two conditions above. The MK Ices application is currently also subject to additional conditions around trading outside schools between 3 – 4pm, which have now been replaced by the blanket approach noted above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning Committee

Monday 18th May 2020

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To clarify the name, role, purpose and remit of this committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee agrees to a name – Planning and Licencing plus *either* Regeneration or Development.
3. That the committee agrees to the over-arching aims.
4. That the committee agrees to:
 - Ensure that papers and investigations into applications are undertaken prior to each meeting, with any queries passed to the Council Manager in advance, where possible.
 - Ensure that all members undertake the BMKALC / MKC Planning Training as soon as is practicable (usually within 6 months, but due to Covid-19, this may be longer), if not already undertaken and that it is repeated within each Council cycle (e.g. every four years maximum, due to changes in legislation).

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

This committee is new this year and has a broad remit that encompasses not only the 'day-to-day' planning and licencing applications, but also a wider brief that considers the impact of any estate renewal, larger development and associated work (e.g. Neighbourhood Planning).

There is some confusion around what the name of the committee should be, considering the current changes within the MKC 'Regeneration' agenda. Originally, it was the Planning, Licencing and Regeneration Committee, but there were further discussions around changing this to 'development' as this encompasses a wider remit. **Agreement on this is needed.**

To ensure that this committee is able to meet its obligations, the Council Manager suggests the following be the '**over-arching**' aims of the committee, sitting alongside the formal Terms of Reference.

- This committee will provide a response to all planning applications, even if that response is that there is no comment.
- Where appropriate, a member of this committee or, if agreed, the Council Manager, will attend relevant meetings at Milton Keynes Council, especially if the committee is objecting to a development or application.

- This committee will provide a response to any planning policy that is consulted upon by Milton Keynes Council, regarding its impact upon the parish and its residents.
- This committee will review all licencing applications that impact directly upon the parish or its residents. This includes (but is not limited to) alcohol, events and street trading.
- This committee will, where appropriate, provide reports and related documentation to Full Council, especially where an issue is considered sufficiently wide ranging, controversial or otherwise would benefit from wider agreement. This includes an annual review of committee actions.
- This committee will ensure that all necessary information is placed upon the website and, where appropriate, on social media and other forms of informing residents.
- This committee will, where necessary, encourage enforcement action from Milton Keynes Council where there are breaches of planning or licencing agreements.
- This committee will also lead on all regeneration / estate renewal / broader development within the parish, either on an estate-based approach or whole parish view. This also includes potential provision of housing and associated approaches.
- This committee may also include aspects of existing development, such as issues around housing, community facilities and similar, especially where linked to renewal, regeneration or developments.

Whilst not restrictive, these aims clearly state the agreements that this committee makes to ensure fair, transparent and timely responses to planning and licencing applications and the wider arena.

In addition to the above, there are additional demands on committee members due to the nature of the work undertaken. Planning and licensing applications can be large, complex and include significant amounts of paperwork. To ensure that decisions are made correctly, it is requested that committee members agree to look through the paperwork by accessing it either via the MKC Planning Portal or, where possible, via the WCC Sharepoint (the links will be sent out with the Notice of Meeting). Where there are questions or queries, these should be forwarded to the Council Manager as early as possible, so that answers can be sought. This is especially important with the legal timeframes for responses.

Finally, as detailed within the Terms of Reference, committee members agree that they will attend relevant training around planning within a reasonable timeframe. This is stated as within 6 months, but given current circumstance, this can be extended where necessary. It is also recommended that the committee agrees to regular updates / review, given the ever-changing nature of planning law.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None noted, other than training costs which are included within existing budgets.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None noted.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

This committee provides both a responsive and proactive approach to planning and development. There has not been a committee that focuses on these areas for some time and as a result, decision making has been more difficult. It is anticipated that this committee will enable Woughton to meet its obligations and represent our residents more effectively.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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