

## Woughton Community Council

### Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom call and Facebook Live.**

**Present: Cllrs Donna Fuller (Chair), Janette Bobey (Vice-Chair),** Brian Hepburn, Luke Louis, Ruth Macmillan, John Orr, Nick Scott, Sue Smith.

**Also present:** Steve McNay (Council Manager).

**In attendance:** Four (4) members of the public.

**LD 03/20 Apologies:**

There were no apologies given.

Cllr Shammi Akter was not in attendance or gave any apologies.

**NOTED**

**LD 04/20 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**NOTED**

**LD 05/20 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):**

A member of the public was concerned about the lack of consultation, the letter to residents was unsatisfactory, there were no public notices in the area until recently, which had the incorrect street name written on it, it has been impossible to get through to a planning officer on the phone, and there had been problems with the portal, a letter has now gone in along with other residents with their objections, do Milton Keynes Council think this application will be approved without proper democratic process?

Another member of the public asked how the committee felt about this planning application at the moment?

The Chair responded that although she cannot speak on behalf the committee, especially as the debate will occur when the agenda item comes up, the committee will go with the majority of residents views, although the committee can see the benefits of technology to the area, there are concerns about the lack of consultation by Milton Keynes Council to residents, and the Chair has asked the Council Manager to look into a few matters to seek clarification, residents were reminded that any objections have to be relevant to planning laws and not on personal views, another

concern is the marina site, whose residents will be closer to where the mast is proposed to be located.

A resident expressed a concern that the proposed location of the mast is in an area that the public use which is a large attractive green open space, and also the position of the proposed mast is near to the roundabout on the V8 Marlborough Street and will be one of the first thing motorists see as it will be over 22 feet, which would be a distraction, when drivers are trying to get in the correct lane.

**NOTED**

**LD 06/20 Chairs announcements:**

There were no chairs announcements.

**NOTED**

**LD 07/20 Minutes of previous meetings:**

**Date of next meeting:**

To delete "Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020" and replace with "Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020".

With the above amendment the minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Development Committee's special meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

**LD 08/20 To consider planning application: 20/00876/FULR3**

**Address: Telecommunications Site, Waterside, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes.**

**Proposal: Erection of one 5G communication mast 22.4m in height with associated cabinets:**

Cllr John Orr asked if the planning documents indicated the wattage and power that would be emitted from the proposed mast, the Council Manager replied the documents did but that he had no idea what it meant but would investigate this and let Cllr Orr have a more clearer explanation.

Members debated the planning application and decided to object on the following grounds:

To ask Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate what benefits are there to Peartree Bridge residents and the wider Milton Keynes area of having access to 5G?

That the committee regrets the lack of consultation by Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate with the Peartree Bridge residents.

That consideration should be given to a better and more appropriate location for the proposed mast.

**RESOLVED**

- 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 Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate.**

3. That the Council Manager to provide Cllr John Orr with a clearer explanation of the wattage and power that would be emitted from the proposed mast as stated in the supporting documents of the planning application.
4. To ask Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate what benefits are there to Peartree Bridge residents and the wider Milton Keynes area of having access to 5G?
5. That the committee regrets the lack of consultation by Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate with the Peartree Bridge residents.
6. That the committee objects to the proposed siting of the mast and asks that Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate instructs the applicants to consider a more appropriate location.

**LD 09/20 To consider planning application: 20/00903/FUL**

**Address: Bridge Academy Central, Jonathans, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5DE**

**Proposal: Single storey extension to existing Construction Skills Classroom:**

After some discussion, the committee objected to the planning application on the following grounds:

The inaccuracies / queries of the planning application that:

- 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 committee is unclear as to whether this is accurate or not and would welcome the Milton Keynes Council Flood Management teams view on this.
- The application states that surface water will be managed via the 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.

That the committee is concerned about the lack of consultation by Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate with the residents of Coffee Hall on this planning application.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the committee considers the application and associated documents.
2. That the committee agrees to object to this planning application on the following grounds:

The inaccuracies / queries of the planning application that:

- 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 committee is unclear as to whether this is accurate or not and would welcome the Milton Keynes Council Flood Management teams view on this.
  - The application states that surface water will be managed via the 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.
3. That the committee is concerned about the lack of consultation by Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate with the residents of Coffee Hall on this planning application.
  4. That the Council Manager to provide a written response to Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate.

**LD 10/20 To consider the various Street Trading applications:**

The committee was informed that the 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.**

Milton Keynes Council has placed the following conditions:

- 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).

The committee in principal have no objections to ice cream vans trading in the area, and therefore there was no need to bring to the committee any future applications for consideration.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the committee notes the report.

2. That the committee has no objections to ice cream vans trading in the area, and therefore there was no need to bring to the committee any future applications for consideration.

**LD 11/20 To clarify the name, role, purpose, and remit of this committee:**

Members felt that the remit of the committee should be expanded to cover existing housing and planned maintenance and to have more of a consultative role speaking on behalf of residents to Milton Keynes Council.

This change to the remit would have to be agreed at the next Full Council meeting.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee agrees to be named the Planning, Licencing & Development Committee.
3. That the committee agrees to the over-arching aims which will be expanded to cover existing housing and planned maintenance and to have more of a consultative role speaking on behalf of residents to Milton Keynes Council.
4. That this addition to the remit would have to be agreed at the next Full Council meeting.
5. 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.
6. To ensure that all Members undertake the B&MKALC or the Milton Keynes Council Planning Training as soon as is practicable (usually within six (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 (4) years maximum, due to changes in legislation).

**Date of next meeting:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at 6:00pm venue to be confirmed.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:31pm**

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_