

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes and report to Council of the meeting of the Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on the 28 July 2022 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Blackwell (Chair), C.White (Vice-Chair), B.Black, Chotai, C.Farr, Gray, Lockwood, Moore, Prew and Steeds

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Allen, Evans, S.Farr and Gaffney

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mansfield

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Farr stated that he had received a number of communications relating to agenda item 5.1 (minute number 96) but stated that they would not be considered as part of his decision making on the application.

Councillor Allen stated that he was the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee and would be speaking in respect of agenda item 5.3 (minute number 97).

95. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2022

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

96. 2021/1800 - NEW ALDI SUPERMARKET, 381 CROYDON ROAD, CATERHAM

The Committee considered an application for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a Class E retail unit, including the refurbishment of an existing office unit to provide a commercial unit on the ground floor with residential dwelling above alongside access, car parking and associated works.

The Officer recommendation was to refuse the application.

Mr Stephen Tuddenham from Waitrose spoke against the application.

Councillor Jeremy Webster of Caterham Valley Parish Council spoke against the application.

Mr Richard Khodabaksh from Aldi spoke in support of the application.

The Committee also heard representations from Mr Paul Lulham of DHA Transport, the Council's transport consultants and Mr Mike Green from Surrey Highways in respect of vehicular access to the site.

During a lengthy debate, it was agreed by the Committee that the words *'that safe and suitable access to the site and'* be removed from the ground for refusal as set out on pages 7 and 8 of the agenda pack.

RESOLVED – that planning permission be refused.

97. 2021/1922 - LAND TO THE REAR OF THE PARADE, WESTMORE GREEN

The Committee considered an application for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of two duplex flats, with parking & landscaping.

The Officer recommendation was to refuse the application.

Councillor Jason Syrett of Tatsfield Parish Council spoke in favour of the application.

The applicant's agent, Mr Adem Mehmet, spoke in support of the application.

RESOLVED – that planning permission be refused.

98. 2022/98 AND 2022/295 - HUT 1, HARESTONE DRIVE, CATERHAM, SURREY, CR3 6YQ

The Committee considered an application for the erection of two detached dwelling houses, with attached garages, associated parking and landscaping with access from a newly formed culde-sac extended north-west from Planning Appeal Ref: APP/M3645/W/20/3256724.

Councillor Jeremy Webster of Caterham Valley Parish Council spoke against the application.

During the debate, the Committee agreed to include the following additional reason for refusal:

“The proposed development represents an overdevelopment of the site which will have an adverse impact on the character of this part of the Harestone Valley contrary to Policy CCW1 of the Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan and the SPG.”

RESOLVED – that planning permission be refused.

Rising 11.36pm