

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANDRIDGE

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 7 September 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors Blackwell (Chair), Botten, Chotai, Chris Farr, Sue Farr, Gray, Montgomery, Moore and Steeds

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors North, Groves and Nicholas White

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Wren and Prew

92. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH JULY 2023

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

93. 2022/1638 - HOLLOW LANE GARAGES, HOLLOW LANE, DORMANSLAND, SURREY, RH7 6NT

The Committee considered an application for the demolition of existing garages on the site and the construction of one bungalow and one building containing five apartments. The proposed development also contained a new parking court.

The Officer recommendation was to permit, subject to conditions.

Ms Fiona Matthews, an objector, spoke against the application.

Councillor David Bright of Dormansland Parish Council spoke against the application.

Ms Nicola Cresswell spoke on behalf of the applicant.

During the course of the debate Councillor Sir Nicholas White requested that the Committee consider a motion for the application to be deferred so that the plans for the proposed developments could be reviewed by the application with a view to lowering the height of the building containing the five apartments. Councillor Botten also requested that any vote for a deferral should also allow Officers time to establish verge ownership and to consider solutions for parking issues on the site. The motion was proposed by Councillor Chris Farr and seconded by Councillor Sue Farr. Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

R E S O L V E D – that the application be deferred.

94. 2023/121 - 14 STANSTEAD ROAD, CATERHAM, SURREY, CR3 6AA

The Committee considered an application for the demolition of an existing dwelling and the erection of four dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping.

The Officer recommendation was to permit subject to conditions.

A recording of representations from Mr Robert Barber, an objector, was replayed to the Committee.

Councillor Mario Grasso of Caterham Hill Parish Council spoke against the application.

Mr David Ciccone, the applicant's agent, spoke in favour of the application.

Council Matthew Groves requested that the following motions for refusal be considered by the Committee:

1. *The proposal would result in a higher density development than the existing and would be an overdevelopment of the site, which by reason of the amount, scale and form of the development would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the surroundings contrary to Policy CSP18 of the Tandridge District Core Strategy (2008) and Policy DP7 of the Tandridge Local Plan Part 2: Detailed Policies (2014).*
2. *The proposal would provide a shortfall in on-site parking which would not accord in full with the adopted Parking Standards SPD (2012) resulting in additional on-street parking which would cause congestion and harm to amenity of existing neighbouring residents and future residents of the proposed development. The proposal would be contrary to Policy DP7 of the Tandridge Local Plan Part 2: Detailed Policies 2014.*

Both motions were proposed by Council Chris Botten and seconded by Councillor Chotai. Upon being put to the vote, the motions were carried.

RESOLVED – that planning permission be refused.

95. TPO/02/2023 - LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LONG HILL, WOLDINGHAM, CR3 7LS

The Committee considered a report on whether to confirm or otherwise a Tree Preservation Order relating to land on the south side of Long Hill, Woldingham.

The Officer recommendation was to confirm the Tree Preservation Order.

Mr Alex Rodrigues, an objector, spoke against the making of the order.

Councillor Deborah Sherry of Woldingham Parish Council spoke in favour of the confirmation of the order.

RESOLVED – that Tree Preservation Order No.2, 2023 be confirmed as made.

Rising 9.15 pm