



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Bailey (Chair), Councillors C Adams, R Claymore, G Coates, D Cook, A Cooper, D Maycock, P Thompson, P Thurgood, J Wadrup and L Wood

The following officers were in attendance: Stuart Evans (Legal Advisor) Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Glen Baker-Adams (Team Leader - Development Manager), Debbie Hall (Planning Officer), Richard Powell (Planning Policy and Delivery Team Leader), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager), Tracey Smith (Democratic Services Assistant), Jo Barnes (Highways Engineer) and Mark Evans (Highways South Staffs County Council)

### **16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Jones

### **17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)*

### **18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D Cook declared an interest in application number 0261/2022 as he was involved in prior discussions on the purchase of the site. Councillor Cook did not take part in the debate or vote on this application.

### **19 APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIR**

Councillor D Cook was nominated for Vice-Chair.

*(Moved by Councillor J Wadrup and seconded by Councillor G Coates)*

**RESOLVED** that Councillor D Cook was elected as the Vice-Chair.

**20 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION****20.1 0241/2018 Land North of Browns Lane, Tamworth**

Application Reference: 0241/2018

Councillor R Pritchard Ward Cllr spoke against the application

Proposal: Outline application for up to 210 dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage and associated infrastructure. All matters reserved except access.

Site Address: Land North of Browns Lane, Tamworth, Staffordshire B79 8TA

**RESOLVED** That the application is refused.

Reason: The area of the site within the boundary of Tamworth Borough Council is connected to a wider development which is not allocated for development. Approving this part of the development when Lichfield are minded to refuse their application would potentially permit an access road to a development site with no planning permission. The development therefore would be out of character with the surrounding area and not conform to Tamworth Borough Council Policy EN5 and the NPPF.

*(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor D Cook)*

The vote was unanimous

**20.2 0261/2022 Former Police Station Committee Report**

Application Reference: 0261/2022

Proposal: Conversion of and extension to existing five storey former Police Station building to form 54 residential units.

Site Address: Former Police Station, Spinning School Lane, Tamworth B79 7BB

The Planning Officer presented the report Members raised issues relating to car parking, impact on highways and archaeological site work, Officers responded to questions and comments made.

A motion was moved to refuse application based on limited car parking spaces.

*(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor R Claymore)*

Following debate an amended to the motion was moved.

To refuse the application on the following grounds:

Shortfall in parking spaces

Shortfall in internal space standards of some of the apartments

Shortfall of open space and outside areas

Compliance of housing mix not meeting standards

*(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor P Thurgood)*

The vote was unanimous

---

Chair