



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th JUNE 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor L Wood (Chair), Councillors C Adams, M Clarke, G Coates, D Foster, R Kingstone, K Norchi, P Pallett, L Smith, S Smith, M Summers and P Turner

The following officers were in attendance: Max Howarth (Legal Advisor) Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Glen Baker-Adams (Team Leader - Development Manager), Andrew Davies (Planning Officer), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager), Laura Sandland (Democratic and Executive Support Officer) and Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities)

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Claymore

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

Councillor D Foster was appointed as Vice Chair of the committee

*(Moved by Councillor L Wood and seconded by Councillor L Smith)*

### **3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor C Adams and seconded by Councillor M Summers)*

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr R Kingstone declared an interest on application 0367/2023 and moved to the public gallery whilst the item was discussed.

Councillor Paul Turner declared an interest on application 0061/2024 and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

### **5 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### 5.1 **0367/2023 South Staffordshire College**

Application	0367/2023
Proposal	Demolition of all existing buildings
Location	Tamworth and Lichfield College Croft Street Tamworth Staffordshire B79 8AE

The Agent, Bendon Dale spoke in favour of the application

Officers presented the item and responded to issues and questions raised, including:

- Concerns regarding the amount of demolition and debris near the railway line.
- Concerns regarding the damage to highways from the demolition trucks

A motion was moved to refuse the application on the grounds of SU1 & SU2 in the Local Plan

*(Moved by Councillor S Smith and seconded by Councillor P Turner)*

Following advice from the Legal Advisor this motion was withdrawn.

A motion was moved to defer the application to allow for more information to be compiled regarding highways access and safety.

*(Moved by Councillor S Smith and seconded by Councillor P Turner)*

### 5.2 **0061/2024 Land off Moor Lane, Bolehall**

Application:	0061/2024
Proposal	Installation of a stoned access track, manoeuvring area to front of agricultural building and timber restroom (retrospective), installation of solar panels to rear roof slope.
Site Address	Land off Moor Lane, Bolehall, Tamworth

Ward Councillor C Dean spoke against the application

Ward Councillor S Daniels spoke against the application

Officers presented the item and responded to issues and questions raised. Members debated the item and

A motion was moved that the application be refused with the 2 recommendations in the report and with an additional recommendation number 3. below.

1. The proposed retention of the structure described as a timber restroom is unacceptable due to its design which is (a) not in keeping with the design of the agricultural storage building (b) designed around the presence of a caravan which whilst it was still present on the 8th May 2024, the Applicant has stated will be removed and (c) is of poor design and materials that are harmful to the character and appearance of the site. The proposed retention of the timber restroom is therefore not in compliance with Policy EN5 Design of New Development of the Tamworth Local Plan 2006-2031.
2. The access track by virtue of the materials used in construction are deemed to be inappropriate for the setting and out of character with the site as a whole and therefore not in accordance with Policy EN5 Design of New Development of the Tamworth Local Plan 2006-2031and;
3. Due to the lack of a landscape character assessment being undertaken to support of the application and the overall lack of contribution the access track provides to the enhancement, restoration or regeneration of the landscape affected, it is not in accordance with Policy EN1 of the Tamworth Local Plan 2006-2031 and paragraph 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework  
*(Moved by Councillor M Summers and seconded by Councillor S Smith)*

## **6 UPDATES TO COMMITTEE FROM PLANNING OFFICERS**

None

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Chair