

IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FETTLINEDINE ROAD, NN9
5XF

PRESENT: Councillors P Boyer, S Boyer, C Cross, E Hopkinson (arrived at 7.25pm), D Maxwell T Walton and Mayor (ex Officio)

ALSO PRESENT: David Maddock - co-opted member and 9 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting of the Planning Committee and informed the members of the public that there was an opportunity for fifteen minutes public speaking with each person having an opportunity to speak for a maximum of three minutes. She asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eight members of the public wished to speak, all in connection with Agenda Item 46 B) NE/22/00978/PNT – PROPOSED 5G TELECOMS INSTALLATION:H3G 15M STREET POLE AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT CABINETS AT EBBW VALE ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH

They raised several concerns in regard to the application: -

Impact on health – whilst publicity states there is no adverse effect on health, that cannot be guaranteed as there is no long term information available to support that.

Adverse impact on vision junction Ebbw Vale Road/Lodge Way – the tower and additional equipment cabinets would block vision at this junction.

Noise pollution

Adverse effect on wildlife – bats are regularly seen flying in the area

Adverse impact on areas landscape – the tower would be an eyesore.

Adverse impact on other signals ie televisions

They also questioned why it was required as the area already has good 5G coverage.

The Chairman thanked them for their comments. She informed them she had been in contact with the applications Planning Officer and outlined the points of her conversation. She also informed them that Tom Pursglove MP had put in an objection to this application.

AGENDA

42. APOLOGIES – TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Councillor C Collis-Neale – Prior Commitment

Chairman:

Date:

RESOLVE PLN/09(22)/47 – that Councillor C Collis-Neale’s apology be accepted.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS AND THE NATURE OF THOSE INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Item 46 D) NE/22/01083/FUL – HOME OFFICE AND GAMES ROOM IN THE REAR GARDEN, FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION OVER UTILITY ROOM AT 16 THOMAS FLAWN ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH
- Councillor E Hopkinson - friend of applicant

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44. MINUTES – TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30TH AUGUST 2022.

RESOLVE PLN/09(22)/48 – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting Tuesday 30th August 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

45. MATTERS ARISING – TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30TH AUGUST 2022.

Nothing was raised.

Co opted member Alan Mayes had sent his apologies and his comments on the applications, which were read at the meeting.

46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

The Chairman brought forward Agenda item 46B)

B) NE/22/00978/PNT – PROPOSED 5G TELECOMS INSTALLATION:H3G 15M STREET POLE AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT CABINETS AT EBBW VALE ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Members mentioned there had been an earlier application on which the Council had not consulted on the Ebbw Vale Road estate NE/22/00708/PNT – the decision on that application had been - Prior approval is required and is REFUSED.

The same firm had now submitted this second application on which the Council was being consulted.

Members felt it was an inappropriate location for a 5G post and that a response of Objection should be submitted.

Members agreed with all the objections raised by the residents and felt residential areas and near to schools were not appropriate locations for these masts.

Chairman:

Date:

RESOLVE PLN/09(22)/49 – that a response of **OBJECTION** on the following grounds: -

- 1) Out of keeping with area. – the proposal to put a mast on highway verge in a suburban residential area where its industrial aesthetic would be out of keeping and significantly harmful to the character and appearance of the area and be contrary to the design guidance 130(b) and 130 (c) of the National Planning Framework 2021 and Policy 8 (d) of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2016.
- 2) Highway Visibility – danger to drivers and pedestrians due to reduced visibility.
- 3) Long Term impact on health associated with close proximity of a mast – there is no long term data available to support claims there is no risk to health
- 4) Detrimental impact on wildlife – Bats are regularly seen flying in the area
- 5) Noise pollution

should be submitted against planning application NE/22/00978/PNT

The Council would also like it noted they do not wish to see a precedent set to install masts in residential areas or near schools.

The members of the public left the meeting

A) NE/22/00444/FUL – CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO ALLOW FOR RELOCATION OF THE FENCE OUTWARDS TO MAKE ROOM FOR A GARAGE EXTENSION AT 53 DRAYTON PLACE, IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Members raised concerns over ownership of the open space element that the applicant is proposing to relocate the fence and build on. The Planning department had advised the applicant did not currently own this land but, land ownership was not a planning matter and planning applications can be made for land not in your ownership as long as notice is served on the landowner.

Members discussed the application and raised concerns about the loss of open space and the impact the removal of hedges and trees would have on the wildlife

RESOLVE PLN/09(22)/50 – that a response of **OBJECTION** on the following grounds

- 1) Loss of open space
- 2) Adverse impact on wildlife due to the loss of hedges/trees

should be submitted against planning application NE/22/00444/FUL

C) NE/22/01041/FUL – LARGER WINDOW TO THE FRONT BASEMENT LEVEL AND LARGER KITCHEN WINDOW TO THE REAR AT 154 HIGH STREET, IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Members felt these changes were acceptable but suggested the new basement window be set back in the wall as far as possible and a grille put in front as it is right on the pavement.

Councillor C Cross who had visited the site raised concerns about the state of disrepair of the rear of the property and asked if this could be noted as a public health concern.

RESOLVE PLN/09(22)/51 - that a response of **NO OBJECTION** but due to the proximity of the basement window to the public highway would like to see the window set back in the wall as far as possible and a grille put in front of it.

should be submitted against planning application NE/22/01041/FUL

Chairman:

Date:

The Council would also like it noted that the rear of the property is in a state of disrepair and a public health concern.

D) NE/22/01083/FUL – HOME OFFICE AND GAMES ROOM IN THE REAR GARDEN, FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION OVER UTILITY ROOM AT 16 THOMAS FLAWN ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Members felt this proposal was acceptable and would have minimal impact on neighbours.

RESOLVE PLN/09(22)/52 - that a response of **NO OBJECTION** should be submitted against planning application NE/22/01083/FUL

Date of next meeting 11th October 2022 at the Community Centre, Fettleline Road, NN9 5XF

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Chairman:

Date: