

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 December 2023 commencing at 7.20 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: C. Rotheram (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, R. Bamforth, S. Burke, G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, J. Scoble, J. Walton, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

PL 4415 Councillor Rotheram outlined the fire and safety evacuation procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

PL 4416 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Grant, Rock and Williamson.

TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST:

PL 4417 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Bamforth stated that he would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023:

PL 4418 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 November 2023.

TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH (TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SCHED 1, PARA 8):

PL 4419 **17263/23**

63 The Linkway

Variation of condition 01 on application 86115/11 to allow occupation of the unit by a charity shop.

Planning had received comments from Councillor David Grant, who having reviewed the application to vary the conditions of retail, was of the opinion that given the lack of information any decision would be premature until the name and details of what is being sold by the charity is revealed. The reason behind the condition was to try to some degree protect retail within the town of Horwich and possibly further afield. A charity store in such a prominent location on Middlebrook retail park may cause serious harm to the several charity shops in the town, with a fall in revenue to other charities as well as a drop in footfall in Horwich town centre.

Following discussion, it was resolved to recommend refusal of this application on the grounds stated by Councillor Grant.

17038/23

Lesi Carwash, 586 – 592 Chorley New Road

Retrospective application for the erection of a building to forecourt

Resolved to recommend refusal of this application due to over development and out of character with the surrounding area. There was also concern expressed at the retrospective nature of this application.

17300/23

10 Ainscow Avenue

Erection of a single storey front and rear extension together with a part single/part two storey side extension and front porch

Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PL 4420 None.

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS): FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4421 None.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AS 25 JANUARY 2024:

PL 4422 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee as 25 January 2024.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

PL 4423 The Town Clerk informed Members of temporary road closure on De Havilland Way from 8 January 2024 for approximately 2 weeks (overnights) for carriageway repairs.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.

Chair..... Date.....

