

Cheltenham Borough Council Planning Committee Minutes

Meeting date: 15 February 2024

Meeting time: 18:00-18:30

In attendance:

Councillors:

Paul Baker (Chair), Garth Barnes (Vice-Chair), Glenn Andrews, Bernard Fisher, Emma Nelson, Tony Oliver, Diggory Seacome, Simon Wheeler, Barbara Clark and Jackie Chelin

Also in attendance:

Michael Ronan, Victoria Harris (Planning Officer) and Chris Gomm (Head of Development Management, Enforcement and Compliance)

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor McCloskey and Councillor Chelin attended as a substitute.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3 Declarations of independent site visits

Councillors Clark and Nelson had both attended 61 East End Road.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

There were 2 amendments suggested to the minutes. These were agreed and the minutes will be amended.

5 Public Questions

There were none.

6 Planning Applications

7 23/01865/FUL, 61 East End Road, Cheltenham

The Planning Officer introduced the report as published.

There were no Member questions and no Member debate.

The matter went to the vote on the officer recommendation to permit.

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8 24/00125/HED, Street Record, Evesham Road

The Trees Officer introduced the report as published.

The Highways Officer then addressed the committee and made the following points:

- The route between Bishops Cleeve and Cheltenham is a highly desirable cycle route.
- Where the hedge is creates a bottle neck.
- The proposal is to better the area and triple up on hedgerow planting rather than double.
- Believes that it will improve the area.

The responses to Member questions were as follows:

- The applicant is Gloucestershire County Council and the land owner is the Gloucestershire County Council too. There was a compulsory purchase on the land.
- It was confirmed that the application was not at County Council planning as CBC are the local authority for the hedgerow.
- Hedgerow relocation is a very difficult thing to do, requires large and expensive equipment. Would be extremely expensive. Replacements have been discussed and will be put in place at the end of the scheme.
- Improvements are what they want to make and to better the area. New trees and native hedgerows will be planted during the next planting season.
- The cycle path will look the same as the rest of the path with a segregated for cyclists and the footpath.

There was no Member debate.

The matter then went to the vote on the officer recommendation raise no objection.

The council's legal officer highlighted that the consultation period did not expire until the day following committee and suggested that approval be delegated to the Head of Planning subject to no adverse comments being received. The resolution to raise no objection was taken on that basis.

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9 Appeal Update

10 Any other items the Chairman determines urgent and requires a decision

There were none.