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Planning Sub-Committee

Meeting of held on Thursday, 8 February 2018 at 8.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Paul Scott (Chair);
Councillor Humayun Kabir (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Jason Perry, Steve Hollands and Sherwan Chowdhury

PART A

A12/18 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 28 January 2018 be signed as a correct record.

A13/18 **Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of a pecuniary interest not already registered.

A14/18 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There was none.

A15/18 **Planning applications for decision**

1 **17/05738/FUL 1A Gainsborough Drive, South Croydon, CR2 9AX**

After the Officer's presentation there were no questions of clarification from Members.

Lorraine Oakley, speaking in objection to the application, made the following points:

- The design was not in keeping with the character of the area and allowed for little room for planting.
- The property dominated the street scene, being twice as wide as other properties in the area.
- Many of the issues that had been raised by the inspector on appeal had not been addressed by the developer.
- The site had been developed without permission and with no enforcement from the Council to ensure works didn't go ahead.

Helen Greenhalgh, speaking in favour of the application, made the following points:

- Since the appeal the developers had engaged with officers closely to deal with the design issues raised and amendments had been incorporated into the application.
- Key issues raised by the inspector, such as the front ramp, had been addressed in the application.
- Planting had been included to soften the landscaping.

Councillor Tim Pollard, speaking against the application, made the following points:

- Issues such as removal of the ramp did not go far enough in dealing with the inspector's concerns.
- There were numerous design flaws, such as the layout of the windows and front door.
- The flower bed was so narrow it was unlikely to provide much soft landscaping.

Officers present responded with the following points:

- The government supported retrospective applications as a solution to resolving disputes with developers.
- The concerns raised by the inspector were the ramp and frontage of the property, both of which had been addressed in the application.
- Officers had worked with the developers to ensure an appropriate species of plant would be planted in the bed area.

Councillor Perry moved a motion for refusal on the basis that the design was out of character with the local area. Councillor Hollands seconded the motion.

Councillor Scott moved a motion for approval. Councillor Kabir seconded the motion.

The first motion for refusal was put to the vote and fell, with two Members voting in favour and three voting against.

The second motion for approval was put to the vote and was carried, with three Members voting in favour and two voting against.

The Sub-Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to grant permission to development at 1A Gainsborough Drive, South Croydon, CR2 9AX.

The meeting ended at 9.12 pm

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