

Planning Committee

Meeting of Croydon Council's Planning Committee held on Thursday, 19 December 2019 at 6.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

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MINUTES

Present: Councillor Toni Letts (Chair);
Councillor Paul Scott (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Muhammad Ali, Sherwan Chowdhury, Joy Prince, Jason Perry, Scott Roche, Ian Parker, Gareth Streeter and Clive Fraser (In place of Chris Clark)

Also Present: Councillor Michael Neal and Simon Brew

PART A

284/19 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2019 be signed as a correct record.

285/19 Disclosure of Interest

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

286/19 Urgent Business (if any)

There was none.

287/19 Development presentations

There were none.

288/19 Planning applications for decision

The Chair announced that the agenda items would be heard in the following order: 19/03282/FUL 59-63 Higher Drive, Purley, CR8 2HR; 19/01818/FUL 20-28 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PA; 19/01838/FUL 444 Selsdon Road, South Croydon, CR2 0DF; 19/04152/FUL 8-10 Grovelands Road, Purley, CR8 4LA; 19/03539/FUL 105 Woodcote Grove Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2AN and 19/00467/FUL 37 Russell Hill Road, Purley, CR8 2LF.

289/19 **19/03282/FUL 59-63 Higher Drive, Purley, CR8 2HR**

Demolition of existing buildings, erection of a three/four/five storey building comprising 40 residential units, provision of 24 car parking spaces and associated refuse and cycle storage.

Ward: Purley and Woodcote

The officers presented details of the planning application and officers responded to questions for clarification.

Professor Colin Drummond spoke in objection to the application.

Mr Sam Carr and Mr Steve Nunn spoke on behalf of the applicant in support of the application.

Referring Councillor Simon Brew spoke against the application.

Councillor Perry proposed a motion to **REFUSE** the application on the grounds for over development by dense of its size and massing causing a loss of amenity for adjoining occupiers, an inappropriate design for the location impacting the street scene and insufficient parking. Councillor Streeter seconded the motion.

Councillor Scott proposed a motion to **APPROVE** the application based on the officer's recommendation. Councillor Ali seconded the motion.

The motion to refuse was put forward to the vote and fell with four Members voting in favour and six Members voting against.

The motion to approve was put forward to the vote and carried with six Members voting in favour, four Members voting against.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to **GRANT** the application for the development of 59-63 Higher Drive, Purley, CR8 2HR.

290/19 **19/01818/FUL 20-28 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PA**

Alterations to existing shopfronts. Demolition of two parts of second floor to rear of building. Conversion of part of ground floor of 24-26 George Street to provide upper floor access. Erection of single storey rear infill extension to provide cycle storage and first floor rear extension. Formation of rear terraced areas at first and second floor levels. Conversion of upper floors of resulting building to provide 3x1 bedroom, 2x2 bedroom and 3x3 bedroom flats (8 in total) with associated amenity spaces. Installation of roof windows to front and rear elevations.

Ward: Fairfield

The officers presented details of the planning application and officers responded to questions for clarification.

Mr Martin Corney CEO of the Whitgift Foundation and Mr Tariq Salim from Healthwatch Croydon spoke in objection to the application.

Mr Nisar Siddiqui, the applicant, spoke in support of the application.

Councillor Scott proposed a motion to **APPROVE** the application based on the officer's recommendation. Councillor Letts seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was put forward to the vote and carried with six Members voting in favour, one Member voting against and three Members abstaining their vote.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to **GRANT** the application for the development of 20-28 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PA.

291/19 **19/01838/FUL 444 Selsdon Road, South Croydon, CR2 0DF**

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 9 residential apartments with associated parking and landscaping.

Ward: South Croydon

The officers presented details of the planning application and officers responded to questions for clarification.

Mr Alan Turner spoke against the application.

Ward Member Councillor Michael Neal spoke on behalf of the referring Ward Member Councillor Maria Gatland against the application.

Councillor Perry proposed a motion to **REFUSE** the application on the grounds for over development by dense of its size and mass causing loss of amenity for adjoining occupiers, impact on the street scene, insufficient parking which would have an impact on the local highway. Councillor Roche seconded the motion.

Councillor Scott proposed a motion to **APPROVE** the application based on the officer's recommendation. Councillor Ali seconded the motion.

The motion to refuse was put forward to the vote and fell with four Members voting in favour and six Members voting against.

The motion to approve was put forward to the vote and carried with six Members voting in favour, four Members voting against.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to **GRANT** the application for the development of 444 Selsdon Road, South Croydon, CR2 0DF.

*At 8:34pm the Planning Committee adjourned the meeting for a short break.
At 8:44pm the Planning Committee resumed the meeting.*

292/19 **19/04152/FUL 8-10 Grovelands Road, Purley, CR8 4LA**

Construction of three building blocks with heights ranging between four to five storeys to accommodate 44 flats with associated vehicular parking spaces, a new vehicular access, cycle and refuse stores and hard and soft landscaping; following demolition of existing two dwelling houses.

Ward: Purley and Woodcote

The officers presented details of the planning application and officers responded to questions for clarification.

Mr Nick Mottram spoke in objection to the application.

Mr Pierre Lombard, the applicant, spoke in support of the application.

Councillor Chowdhury proposed a motion to **APPROVE** the application based on the officer's recommendation. Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

Councillor Roche proposed a motion to **REFUSE** the application on the grounds for over development of the plot, inappropriate massing and scale together with the negative impact the contemporary design will have on the area. Councillor Streeter seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was put forward to the vote and carried with six Members voting in favour, four Members voting against. The motion to refuse therefore fell.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to **GRANT** the application for the development of 8-10 Grovelands Road, Purley, CR8 4LA.

293/19 **19/03539/FUL 105 Woodcote Grove Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2AN**

Demolition of a single-family dwelling and erection of one 3 and 4-storey block containing 7 flats and 2 houses with associated access, car parking, cycle and refuse storage.

Ward: Coulsdon Town

The officers presented details of the planning application with no questions for clarification.

Mr Jeffrey Cunliffe spoke in objection to the application.

Mr Keith Prince, spoke on behalf of the applicant in support of the application.

Councillor Parker proposed a motion to **REFUSE** the application on the grounds of over development and intensification, and the negative impact on the neighbours. Councillor Perry seconded the motion

Councillor Scott proposed a motion to **APPROVE** the application based on the officer's recommendation. Councillor Ali seconded the motion.

The motion to refuse was put forward to the vote and fell with three Members voting in favour, six Members voting against and one Member abstaining their vote.

The motion to approve was put forward to the vote and carried with seven Members voting in favour and three Members voting against.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to **GRANT** the application for the development of 105 Woodcote Grove Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2AN.

294/19 **19/00467/FUL 37 Russell Hill Road, Purley, CR8 2LF**

Demolition of the existing building and erection of a building ranging from 2 - 8 storeys, with basement, to accommodate 47 residential units; formation of associated access, landscaping, parking, refuse and cycle storage.

Ward: Purley and Woodcote

The officers presented details of the planning application and officers responded to questions for clarification.

Councillor Scott proposed a motion to **APPROVE** the application based on the officer's recommendation. Councillor Chowdhury seconded the motion.

Councillor Parker proposed a motion to **REFUSE** the application on the grounds of over development and out of keeping with the neighbourhood. Councillor Roche seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was put forward to the vote and carried with six Members voting in favour and four Members voting against. The motion to refuse therefore fell.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to **GRANT** the application for the development of 37 Russell Hill Road, Purley, CR8 2LF.

295/19 **19/03604/FUL 29-35 Russell Hill Road, Purley CR8 2LF**

Demolition of existing residential dwellings and erection of 2 buildings, comprising of 106 new apartments, with associated hard and soft landscaping, access and car parking.

Ward: Purley and Woodcote

THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA.

296/19 **Items referred by Planning Sub-Committee**

There were none.

297/19 **Other planning matters**

298/19 **Weekly Planning Decisions**

The report was received for information.

299/19 **Planning Appeal Decisions (November 2019)**

The report was received for information.

The meeting ended at 10.25 pm

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