

Planning Committee

Meeting of held on Thursday, 8 February 2018 at 6.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

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MINUTES

Present: Councillor Paul Scott (Chair);
Councillor Humayun Kabir (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Simon Brew, Jason Perry, Sherwan Chowdhury, Steve Hollands,
Bernadette Khan, Maggie Mansell and Joy Prince

Also Present: Councillors Maria Gatland, Donald Speakman and Tim Pollard

Apologies: Councillors Audsley, Clancy, Winborn and Wright.

PART A

25/18 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

26/18 **Disclosure of Interest**

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

27/18 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There was none.

28/18 **Development presentations**

There were none.

29/18 **Planning applications for decision**

30/18 **17/02696/FUL 28 - 30 Fairfield Road**

Details of the planning application was presented by the officers and officers responded to questions and clarifications.

At 18.36pm Councillor Chowdhury entered the meeting and did not take part in the item.

At 18.39pm Councillor Brew entered the meeting and did not take part in the item.

Tom Webber (representing the applicant) spoke in favour of the application.

Councillor Scott proposed, and Councillor Khan seconded, a motion for approval.

The motion was put to the vote and was carried with five Members voting in favour and one Member voting against.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to grant permission for development at 28 - 30 Fairfield Road.

31/18 **17/05863/FUL 21A Green Lane, Purley CR8 3PP**

Details of the planning application was presented by the officers. There were no questions or clarification requests.

At 18:54pm Councillor Kabir entered the meeting and did not take part in the item

Robert Kremis spoke against the application, raising concern about loss of privacy and the design of the proposed development being out of character with the area which comprises houses rather than blocks of flats..

Jemima Dean spoke in favour of the planning application, referring to positive pre application engagement with amenity effects addressed and the proposed development set further back into site. She also referred to the provision of amenity space for the ground floor flats with an additional communal garden.

Councillor Speakman, speaking against the application, made the following points:

- The design did not respect the area as there were no flats within the vicinity.
- The Committee should take the residents' views into consideration and reject the application.

Councillor Perry moved a motion for refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site. Councillor Hollands seconded the motion.

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

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

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

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to grant permission to development at 21A Green Lane, Purley CR8 3PP.

32/18 **17/05830/FUL Coombe Lodge Playing Fields, Melville Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HY**

Details of the planning application was presented by the officers and officers responded to questions and clarifications.

Jeremy Gill, spoke against the application and raised the following points:

- Insufficient consultation processes
- Object to making Melville Avenue “one-way” relocating traffic movements to neighbouring streets
- Applicant has ignored alternatives presented by residents
- Concerns about car access to the site from Melville Avenue.

Jonathan Wilden spoke in favour of the application and raised the following points

- Urgent need for school places in Croydon and the Coombe Lodge was the only appropriate one available for the temporary school; a site which was expected to be approved in the Local Plan for a permanent school.
- Safety of pupils was the number one priority and the scheme has been found acceptable through independent safety audit
- The vast majority of pupils live close by and the school would provide a minibus service to reduce the impact on surrounding roads.

Councillor Gatland spoke against the application and raised the following points:

- Residents felt excluded from the process.
- The travel plan had not been fully developed and alternatives had not been considered (moving the site entrance further up Coombe Lane).
- The decision should be deferred for further consideration of possible options to ensure pupil safety was delivered to the highest level.

Councillor Perry moved a motion for deferral of decision so as to provide for more time to consider the impact on the highway and pupil safety in travelling to the site. Councillor Hollands seconded the motion.

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

The first motion to defer the decision was put to the vote and fell, with three Members voting in favour and six voting against.

The second motion for approval was put to the vote and was carried with six Members voting in favour and three abstaining.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to grant development at Coombe Lodge Playing Fields, Melville Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HY.

33/18 **17/01929/FUL Walcot Court, 1B Ashburton Road**

Details of the planning application was presented by the officers and officers responded to questions and clarifications.

Robert Porter spoke against the application and raised the following points:

- Visual impact to the area due to the proposed car parking area.
- Loss of soft landscaping with minimal replacement.

Councillor Kabir moved a motion of approval, and Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and was carried, with eight Members voting in favour and one voting against.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to grant the application at Walcot Court, 1B Ashburton Road.

34/18 **Items referred by Planning Sub-Committee**

There were none.

35/18 **Other planning matters**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 8.32 pm

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