

**PLANS COMMITTEE
22ND FEBRUARY 2024**

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor S. Forrest)
The Vice Chair (Councillor Lennie)
Councillors Charles, Fryer, Lawrence, Lowe,
Northage, Palmer, Snartt, Worrall, Cory-Lowsley,
Infield and Seaton

Group Leader Development Management (CT)
Locum Solicitor (SG)
Principal Planning Officer (JW)
Principal Planning Officer (LM)
Team Leader, Strategic Development (MP)
Principal Planning Officer (LW)
Democratic Services Officer (RD)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Monk, O'Neill and N. Taylor

The Chair stated that the meeting would be live-streamed and available via YouTube. She also advised that, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

58. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

59. QUESTIONS UNDER COMMITTEE PROCEDURE 12.8

No questions were submitted.

60. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

The following disclosures were made:

- (i) by Councillor Fryer – in respect of planning application P/22/0727/2 (Rawlins Academy, Church Lane, Quorn) who was County Councillor for the Quorn and Barrow Division but confirmed that she came to the meeting with an open mind.

- (ii) by Councillor S. Forrest – in respect of planning application P/23/1391/2 (McDonald's, Warwick Way, Loughborough) who was Ward Councillor for the Loughborough Storer Ward but had not taken part in the discussions and confirmed that she came to the meeting with an open mind.

- (iii) by Councillor S. Forrest – in respect of planning application P/23/1685/2 (31 Storer Road, Loughborough) who was Ward Councillor for the Loughborough Storer Ward but had not taken part in the discussions and confirmed that she came to the meeting with an open mind.
- (iv) by Councillors Charles, S. Forrest, Fryer, Lawrence, Lennie, Lowe, Northage, Snartt and Worrall – in respect of planning application P/23/0379/2 (Land to the West of Hathern Road, Long Whatton) as recipients of e-mail correspondence from the developer, but all came to the meeting with open minds.
- (v) by Councillor Lowe – in respect of planning application P/23/1357/2 (St Michael's Court, Melton Road, Thurmaston) who was a member of Thurmaston Parish Council but confirmed that he came to the meeting with an open mind.
- (vi) by Councillor Seaton – in respect of planning application P/23/1357/2 (St Michael's Court, Melton Road, Thurmaston) who was a member of Thurmaston Parish Council. Although she came to the meeting with an open mind, she disclosed that she had been quite vocal regarding the development and would therefore not take part in the debate or vote. She sat in the public gallery for the duration of the item.
- (vii) by Councillor Lennie – in respect of planning application P/23/0379/2 (Land to the West of Hathern Road, Long Whatton) who was a member of Shepshed Town Council where it had been presented as an item for consultation. She confirmed that she had not taken part in the discussion and came to the meeting with an open mind.
- (viii) by Councillor Lennie – in respect of planning application P/23/1357/2 (St Michael's Court, Melton Road, Thurmaston) who was a member of Scrutiny Commission where the item had been discussed, but there had been no vote taken. She was disclosing for clarity and confirmed that she came to the meeting with an open mind.
- (ix) by Councillor Northage - in respect of planning application P/23/0379/2 (Land to the West of Hathern Road, Long Whatton) who was a member of Shepshed Town Council where it had been presented as an item for consultation. He confirmed that he came to the meeting with an open mind.

61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reports of the Head of Planning and Growth, setting out applications P/21/1446/2, P/23/0379/2, P/23/1357/2, P/22/0727/2, P/23/1391/2 and P/23/1685/2 were submitted (item 5 on the agenda filed with these minutes). An Extras Report in respect of P/21/1446/2 was also submitted (also filed with these minutes).

There was a late request to speak from Mr Philip Fricker (objector) in respect of application P/22/0727/2 and the Chair and members of the Committee were in agreement for the request to be granted.

Mr Vic Chapman and had been introduced to the Committee as speaking on behalf of Cossington Parish Council. Before speaking, he informed the Committee that he was not in fact speaking on behalf of Cossington Parish Council and was a parishioner.

In accordance with the procedure for public speaking at meetings, the following objectors, applicants or their representatives attended the meeting and expressed their views:

- (i) Mr Vic Chapman (objector) in respect of application P/21/1446/2;
- (ii) Mr Ben Leather (agent) in respect of application P/21/1446/2;
- (iii) Mr Nick Barber (on behalf of the agent) in respect of application P/23/0379/2;
- (iv) Mr Philip Fricker (objector) in respect of application P/22/0727/2;
- (v) Mr Andrew East (on behalf of the applicant) in respect of application P/23/1685/2.

In accordance with the procedure for Borough Councillors speaking at Plans Committee meetings, the following Councillors attended the meeting and expressed their views:

- (i) Councillor O'Neill in respect of application P/21/1446/2;
- (ii) Councillor Tillotson (call-in) in respect of application P/23/1391/2;
- (iii) Councillor Tillotson (call-in) in respect of application P/23/1685/2.

a) P/21/1446/2 - 102 MAIN STREET, COSSINGTON

RESOLVED that in respect of application P/21/1446/2 (102 Main Street, Cossington) planning permission be granted subject to completion of Section 106 planning obligations and planning conditions for the reasons set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Growth and that the Head of Planning and Growth be given delegated authority to determine the final detail of the planning conditions in consultation with the Chair of the Plans Committee.

b) P/23/0379/2 - LAND TO THE WEST OF HATHERN ROAD, LONG WHATTON

An error was noted on page 85 of the report pack, point 4.4.1. Barrow-on-Soar Power Station was referred to, and should have stated Ratcliffe on Soar.

RESOLVED that in respect of application P/23/0379/2 (Land to the West of Hathern Road, Long Whatton) planning permission be granted subject to the planning conditions and reasons as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Growth and that the Head of Planning and Growth be given delegated authority to determine the final detail of the planning conditions in consultation with the Chair of the Plans Committee.

- c) P/23/1357/2 - ST MICHAELS COURT, MELTON ROAD, THURMASTON

RESOLVED that in respect of application P/23/1357/2 (St Michael's Court, Melton Road, Thurmaston) planning permission be granted subject to the planning conditions and reasons as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Growth with an additional condition to be inserted as set out verbally by the Planning Officer in respect of the tree protection plan, and that the Head of Planning and Growth be given delegated authority to determine the final detail of the planning conditions in consultation with the Chair of the Plans Committee.

- d) P/22/0727/2 - RAWLINS ACADEMY, CHURCH LANE, QUORN

RESOLVED that in respect of application P/22/0727/2 (Rawlins Academy, Church Lane, Quorn) planning permission be granted subject to the planning conditions and reasons as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Growth, with an additional request to the applicant regarding sufficient land maintenance for neighbouring properties and that the Head of Planning and Growth be given delegated authority to determine the final detail of the planning conditions in consultation with the Chair of the Plans Committee.

- e) P/23/1391/2 - MCDONALD'S, WARWICK WAY, LOUGHBOROUGH

RESOLVED that in respect of application P/23/1391/2 (McDonald's, Warwick Way, Loughborough) planning permission be granted subject to the planning conditions and reasons as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Growth.

- f) P/23/1685/2 - 31 STORER ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH

RESOLVED that in respect of application P/23/1685/2 (31 Storer Road, Loughborough) planning permission be refused as the proposal was considered to result in unacceptable harm to neighbouring amenity by reason of noise and disturbance contrary to Policies CS2 and CS4 of the Core Strategy and the Housing SPD (as per paragraphs 9.3.1 to 9.3.3 of the committee report) and that Officers be given delegated authority to determine the wording for the refusal.

62. LIST OF APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

A list of applications determined under powers delegated to officers for the period from 17th January 2024 to 12th February 2024 was submitted (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

NOTES:

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the next ordinary Council meeting unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on the fifth working day following publication of these minutes.
2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Plans Committee.