

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL - 19 JULY 2016

REFERENCE FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 17 FEBRUARY 2016

Minute Item 213: Planning Applications Received

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Addendum was admitted late to the agenda as it contained information relating to various items on the agenda and was based on information received after the despatch of the agenda. It was admitted to the agenda in order to enable Members to consider all information relevant to the items before them for decision.

RESOLVED: That authority be given to the Head of Planning to issue the decision notices in respect of the applications considered.

2/06 - GRIMSDYKE SCHOOL, SYLVIA AVENUE, PINNER

REFERENCE: P/5736/15

DESCRIPTION: Two Storey Rear Extension With Provision Of New Hard Play Areas Canopy Over Seating Area Internal Fencing Landscaping And Additional Parking To Increase The Two Form Entry School To A Three Form Entry School (Demolition Of Existing Temporary Buildings)

Following questions from Members, an officer advised that:

- a number of stakeholder meetings with local residents' associations had considered issues such as a walking bus, the STP and the school's drop-off and pick-up points;
- due to the physical nature of Sylvia Avenue, the extent of physical interventions possible there were extremely limited. This had been confirmed by the transport assessment. Therefore, the plans focussed on the STP and other measures to mitigate against the potential increase in traffic, parking and pedestrians in the vicinity of the school. The school's drop-off and pick-up points would require further consideration by officers;
- with regard to traffic and parking enforcement in the vicinity of the school, the Council had two CCTV vehicles dedicated to patrolling school expansion programme areas. The fact that 847 Penalty Charge notices had been issued in 2015, was an indication of the widespread nature of parking issues and parking infractions in the borough. Officers were working closely with Safer Neighbourhood Teams on dedicated initiatives to deal with enforcement issues in the vicinity of schools throughout the borough. Additionally, the waiting restriction signs and yellow lines in the vicinity of the Grimsdyke School had been refreshed and the recent implementation of a local safety scheme on Uxbridge Road had helped to reduce congestion and speeding in the area.

A Member proposed refusal on the following grounds:

1. The proposal would have an unacceptable impact on traffic, parking and highway safety to the detriment of local residential amenity, Contrary to policies DM1, DM43 and DM 46 of the Local Plan and CS1 of the Core Strategy.

The motion was seconded, put to the vote and lost.

The Committee received representations from an objector, Mrs Swinson, and Councillors Susan Hall, John Hinkley and Jean Lammiman. It was noted that the applicant's representative was not present.

The Committee requested that a Reference be forwarded to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel requesting that a review be carried out on school travel plans because of their importance in mitigating the impact of traffic and parking issues outside schools.

DECISION: GRANT planning permission for the development described in the application and submitted plans subject to conditions, and as amended by the addendum.

The Committee wished it to be recorded that the decision to grant the application was by a majority of votes.

Councillors Ghazanfar Ali, Keith Ferry, Graham Henson and Barry Kendler voted for the application.

Councillors June Baxter, Stephen Greek and Pritesh Patel voted against the application.