

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2016

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)

Under Rule 17.1 of the Committee Procedure Rules, members of the public may question Chairs of Council Committees or Sub-Committees at meetings.

There is a time limit of **15 minutes** for the asking and answering of public questions.

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Questioner: Mrs Eileen Kinnear

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Chair of Planning Committee

Question: Re - The Power House, 87 West Street Harrow on the Hill

There are currently 3 applications submitted on this property (P/4020/16, P/4348/16 and P/4349/16) for change of use from Office to Residential. The indication seems to be that these are automatically allowable under the GDO provisions.

But as has been pointed out in correspondence on them it seems these are not straightforward conversions from the one use to the other, so 'Grant' should not be automatic.

1. The site/building was previously in use as "Light industrial" and permission had to be given for conversion from that Use to Offices years ago. This is not mentioned here.

There may also be Contamination issues on which a report is required before permission is given.

2. It is also an important building in this Conservation Area. In previous applications the views of an Officer in that Section were requested. It may also impact a listed building - The Old Pye House. Again - according to the documentation available to the public on the website - no request has been made to the Conservation Officer in this instance.

What is the reason for these omissions please: and do you not agree that this is NOT an automatic Grant of permission under the GDO but deserves wider consideration?"

Response: To be provided at the meeting by the Chair