
REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2008

Chairman: * Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Councillors: * Husain Akhtar * Graham Henson (2)
 * Don Billson * Julia Merison
 * Mrinal Choudhury * Joyce Nickolay
 * Keith Ferry

* Denotes Member present
 (2) Denotes category of Reserve Member

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL
PART II - MINUTES
305. Attendance by Reserve Members:

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Member:-

<u>Ordinary Member</u>	<u>Reserve Member</u>
Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar	Councillor Graham Henson

306. Right of Members to Speak:

RESOLVED: That no Members, who were not members of the Committee, had indicated that they wished to speak at the meeting.

307. Declarations of Interest:

RESOLVED: To note that the following interest was declared:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
11. Planning Applications Received. Item 2/01 - Norbury First and Middle School, 100 Welldon Crescent, Harrow.	Councillor Husain Akhtar	Personal interest in that Councillor Akhtar's grandchildren attended Norbury School. Councillor Akhtar remained in the room and took part in the discussion and decision making on this item.

308. Arrangement of Agenda:

RESOLVED: That (1) in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following item be admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and grounds for urgency detailed below:-

<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Special Circumstances / Grounds for Urgency</u>
Addendum	This contained information relating to various items on the agenda and was based on information received after the agenda's dispatch. It was admitted to the agenda in order to enable Members to consider all information relevant to the items before them for decision.

Any Other Business: Government Proposals with regard to Procedure for Public Hearings

This was the first meeting of the Committee after the Chairman had received a response to a letter sent on the Committee's behalf and it was important that the contents of the letter be reported to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

(2) all items be considered with the press and public present.

309. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2008, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

310. **Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were put at the meeting under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 19.

311. **Petitions:**

RESOLVED: To note the receipt of the following petition which was presented by Councillor Mrs Kinnear and referred to the relevant officer for consideration:

- Planning Application at 1-5 Sudbury Hill, Harrow
Petition, signed by 45 residents, against the application for development at 1-5 Sudbury Hill, Harrow.

312. **Deputations:**

RESOLVED: To note that no deputations were received at the meeting under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 17.

313. **References from Council and other Committees/Panels:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no references from Council or other Committees or Panels to be received at this meeting.

314. **Representations on Planning Applications:**

RESOLVED: To note that no requests for representations had been received.

315. **Planning Applications Received:**

RESOLVED: That authority be given to the Head of Planning to issue the decision notices in respect of the applications considered, as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

316. **Planning Appeal Update:**

The Committee received a report from the Head of Planning which listed those appeals being dealt with and those awaiting decision.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

317. **Member Site Visits:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no Member site visits to be arranged.

318. **Any Other Urgent Business:**

Government Proposals with regard to Procedure for Public Hearings

The Chairman informed the Committee of the response from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to her letter of 23 September 2008 regarding proposals for the Planning Inspectorate to apply published criteria as to the procedure to be followed for appeal hearings.

The Committee noted that whilst the appellant and the Council could be in agreement as to the preferred type of hearing (that is, written representations, informal public hearing or full public local enquiry), the Planning Inspectorate could impose an alternative method if the Bill as drafted became law.

The Committee was of the view that the proposals would curtail the ability of the Local Planning Authority to obtain an informal hearing. Local awareness of those applications of great concern to local residents and where there was a significant amount of public interest, made the LPA the most appropriate body to determine the form of hearing rather than an Inspector without local knowledge.

Members considered that the process in Scotland to award costs on all classes of appeal should be extended to England and Wales to prevent unwarranted appeals by written representations.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be requested to write further to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to convey the continued concerns of the Committee on the proposals, with a copy being sent to the Mayor of London, Vice-Chairman and Nominated Member of the Committee.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 8.05 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR MARILYN ASHTON
Chairman

DECISION: DEFERRED for further investigation into traffic implications, possible crime and disorder implications, and the government position on the reduction in the number of takeaways.

[Note: The Committee wished to it to be recorded that the decision to defer the application was unanimous].

SECTION 5 - PRIOR APPROVAL APPLICATION

LIST NO: 5/01 **APPLICATION NO:** P/3181/08/GL

LOCATION: 'Ferrari House', 102 College Road, Harrow

APPLICANT: Orange PCS LTD

PROPOSAL: Prior Approval For Siting And Appearance: Three Sectored Antennae, One 300mm Diameter Dish Together With Four Equipment Cabinets On The Rooftop

DECISION:

- 1) Prior approval of details of siting and appearance is required
- 2) GRANTED prior approval of details of siting and appearance for the development described in the application and submitted plans, subject to the informatives reported.

[Note: The Committee wished to it to be recorded that the decision to grant the application was unanimous].
