

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee has met on two occasions since the previous report was prepared for the Council meeting. This report therefore gives an overview of the key items considered by the Committee at its meetings on 10 January 2018 and 7 February 2018.

Planning Committee – 10 January 2018

1. The January meeting dealt with three planning applications. Public speaking took place on one item, with a ward councillor also speaking as he called in the same item. The items considered by the Committee are set out below.
2. Planning Application 17/01847/PDO related to the Council owned property of Benwell House, Green Street, Sunbury-on-Thames. The Committee approved the Prior Approval application for change of use from office space to that of residential accommodation.
3. The second application, 17/01700/HOU, related to 27 St. Hilda's Avenue, Ashford, and proposed a part single and part two storey rear extension. Councillor Gething spoke on this item, as he had called it in.

The application was deferred to enable further information to be provided thereby permitting further assessment as to the potential impact on the neighbouring property.

4. The final application of the evening was 17/01815/HOU for 17 Tennyson Road, Ashford. The proposal was to erect a single storey side extension to the rear of the existing extension. Councillor Barratt declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the room for the debate and vote. The application was approved by the Committee.

Planning Committee – 7 February 2018

5. At the Planning Committee meeting on 7 February 2018, a total of five planning applications were considered, with five public speakers taking the opportunity to address the Committee. Two applications on the agenda had been 'called-in' by the ward councillors, who spoke on the items at the meeting.
6. The first two applications for the Staines Town Hall sought change of use from pub/restaurant to 13 residential flats (17/01143/FUL), and Listed Building Consent (17/01144/LBC). The Committee approved both applications subject to conditions and informatives.
7. The third item was 17/01634/FUL relating to 42 High Street, Shepperton and sought change of use from offices/bank to a mix of commercial and residential units. As Councillor Barnard had called in this Application he spoke on the item. The Committee approved the application.

8. The fourth Item 17/01700/HOU related to 27 St. Hilda's Avenue, Ashford which proposed a part single and part two storey rear extension. This was the same application which had been deferred at the previous meeting. Councillor Gething spoke again as he had called in this item. The Committee approved the application.
9. The final application, 18/00061/DEM pertaining to the "White House", Kingston Road, Ashford, sought Prior Approval for the method of demolition of the White House building and the restoration of the site. The Committee noted the application.

Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley

Chairman of Planning Committee

22 February 2018