

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 meeting on 16 November.

Planning Committee – 16 November 2016

1. The November meeting dealt with two planning applications. Public speaking took place on one item with one person taking the opportunity to address the Committee. The items considered by the Committee are set out below.
2. This first application related to the retention of a pontoon that is attached to the riverbank alongside the River Thames north of the M3 bridge. It is constructed of rubber/plastic and has a small recess on the downstream side to allow canoes from the adjacent Canoeing Club to be accessed from both sides to aid safety and accessibility. The application was approved.
3. The second planning application concerned retrospective planning permission for the erection of an outbuilding which is situated in the north-western corner of the rear garden of 19 Clifford Grove, Ashford (16/01593/HOU). The Planning Committee refused the application as the outbuilding, by reason of its height, scale, bulk and proximity to the boundary, would have an overbearing impact on the adjacent property, number 21 Clifford Grove and would be out of character with the surrounding area, contrary to policy EN1 of the Spelthorne Core Strategy and Policies DPD, 2009. The Planning Committee also agreed to issue an enforcement notice requiring the removal of the outbuilding.

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Chairman of Planning Committee

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