

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Planning Committee

1. This report gives an overview of the items considered by the Committee at its meeting on 13 December 2017.

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2. The December meeting dealt with two planning applications. Public speaking took place on both applications, with two people taking the opportunity to address the Committee – one speaking ‘for’ application 17/00640/FUL and one ‘against’ application 17/00365/FUL.
The items considered by the Committee are set out below.
3. This first application related to 524-538 London Road, Ashford, (17/00640/FUL). The application sought the demolition of the existing buildings and the creation of a new residential development comprising 58 flats together with associated parking, access and landscaping.

The Planning Committee approved the application, subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 agreement.

4. This second application related to Hamilton’s Pitch, Sheep Walk, Shepperton (17/00365/FUL). The application sought the retention of hardstanding and stationing of two residential caravans, associated vehicles and equipment, and tipping of top soil to enable landscaping. The matter was before Committee because the applicant had lodged an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate against the non-determination of the application.

The Planning Committee agreed that had the Council had been able to formally determine this application it would have been refused.

5. The Planning Committee noted the Development Management Performance report which explained the changes the Government has made to assess the performance of local planning authorities.
6. I agreed to the inclusion of an Urgent Item relating to application 17/01274/FUL, Former Brooklands College, Church Road, Ashford. .

The Planning Committee agreed:

1. the amendments to the conditions as set out in the report, and,
2. to delegate any further amendments to the conditions and informatives to the Planning Development Manager in consultation with the Planning Committee Chairman.

Councillor Howard Thomson

Vice Chairman of Planning Committee

14 December 2017