

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 7 March 2018 and 4 April 2018.

Planning Committee – 7 March 2018

1. The March 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 18/00123/FUL related to the Council owned property of Benwell House, Green Street, Sunbury-on-Thames. The Committee approved the conversion of existing third floor roof space.
3. The second application, 17/01759/RVC, related to “Kenavon”, Ferry Lane, Shepperton, and sought the retention of the replacement dwelling as built with differences compared to the previously approved scheme (Ref: 16/01210/FUL) – citing a variation to Condition 7.of that permission so as to allow the substitution of plans. In addition to Public Speakers, Councillor Barnard spoke on this item, as he had called it in.
The application was approved by the Committee.
4. The final application of the evening was TPO 257/2017, relating to ‘the open space’ outside 145-147 Manygate Lane, Shepperton. This “Tree Preservation Order” sought to protect the Sycamore, because of its ‘significant contribution to the visual amenities of the locality’. The application was ‘Confirmed without modification’ by the Committee.

Planning Committee – 4 April 2018

5. At the Planning Committee meeting on 4 April 2018, three planning applications were considered, one having been withdrawn prior to the meeting. The items considered by the Committee are set out below, 4 public speakers taking the opportunity to address the Committee on two of the items.
6. The first application, 17/01365/OUT, for the redevelopment of the Renshaw Industrial Estate, 28 Mill Mead, Staines-upon-Thames into 275 residential units, in two buildings, with 250 parking spaces, was approved/refused by Committee subject to conditions (S106 agreement).
7. The second item was 17/01890/FUL relating to the Ashford Depot, Poplar Road, Ashford and sought approval for the redevelopment of the site comprising of the demolition of the existing building and erection of 2 buildings to provide 30 flats and the erection of 6 houses with associated access road and parking. The Committee approved the application.

8. The third Item, 17/01804/FUL related to 16 Springfield Road, Ashford but was withdrawn prior to the meeting.
9. The final Application, 15/00048/PLNCON, pertaining to 5 New Park Road, Ashford, sought that an 'Enforcement Notice' be issued to secure the removal of the unauthorised caravan and cessation of use of the land as a caravan site.
The Committee approved that the Enforcement Notice be issued.

Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley

Chairman of Planning Committee

26 April 2018