

**Minutes of the Planning Committee  
29 April 2020**

**Present:**

Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley (Chairman)

Councillors:

A. Brar	M. Gibson	R.J. Noble
S. Buttar	N. Islam	R.W. Sider BEM
S.A. Dunn	J. McIlroy	B.B. Spoor
N.J. Gething	L. E. Nichols	J. Vinson

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Councillor V. Siva

**In Attendance:**

Councillor C. Bateson  
Councillor I.T.E. Harvey

**87/20 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

**88/20 Disclosures of Interest**

**a) Disclosures of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct**

There were none.

**b) Declarations of interest under the Council's Planning Code**

Councillor R.A. Smith Ainsley declared an interest on behalf of all councillors in Planning Application No. 20/00342/ADV as the applicant was the Council.

**89/20 Planning Application No. 20/00101/FUL - Poundland, 95 - 99 High Street, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 4PQ**

**Description:**

This proposal was for the provision of nine new flats and ground floor extension to the existing retail unit to the rear of the site. The creation of raised communal landscaped areas at the first floor and erection of first floor access lobby to residential accommodation.

**Additional Information:**

There was none.

**Public Speaking:**

In accordance with the Council's procedure for speaking at meetings, a statement from Kieran Rafferty in favour of the proposed development was read out and raised the following key points:

- Providing housing development in this location does not impact on the flood plain or green belt.
- Redevelopment of a sustainable brownfield site
- Provides a high quality development with amenity space
- The National space standards are met
- Development provides good setback distances
- Will contribute to the five year housing land supply
- Cycle parking is provided

**Debate:**

During the debate the following key issues were raised:

- Meets the housing need
- Amenity space is acceptable
- Extension is not visible from the High Street
- Query over cobbled access at the side. Will not be suitable for wheelchair users.
- Query over affordable housing
- Query over waste management
- Query over parking
- Query over crime in design
- Concern over density
- Design meets the standards

**Decision:**

The application was **approved** subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**90/20 Planning Application No.19/01516/FUL, 381 - 385 Staines Road West, Ashford, TW15 1RH**

**Description:**

This proposal involved the erection of a block comprising 8 one and two bed flats to the front of the site and 4 dwellings (comprising 1 two bed chalet bungalow, 2 three bed semi-detached houses and 1 four bed detached house) to the rear of the site, all with associated parking, amenity space and landscaping. Formation of a new vehicular access to the site, following demolition of existing dwellings and commercial buildings.

**Additional Information:**

There was none.

**Public Speaking:**

In accordance with the Council's procedure for speaking at meetings, a statement from Kevin Davies in favour of the proposed development was read out and raised the following key point:

- This is a renewal of an existing consent with additional information

**Debate:**

During the debate the following key issues were raised:

- This application is a repeat of a previous permission
- Electric vehicle charging points should be provided

Officer Note: The Planning Committee agreed that a condition should be added to provide EV charging points. However, condition 20 of the officer's report deals with this and reads:

"The development hereby approved shall not be occupied unless and until each of the four dwellings at the north of the site, and at least 2 of the available parking spaces for the flats, are provided with a fast charge socket (current minimum requirement: 7kw Mode 3 with Type 2 connector - 230 v AC 32 amp single phase dedicated supply) for the charging of electric vehicles in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The condition above is required in order that the development makes suitable provision for sustainable travel, in accordance with the sustainable objectives of Chapter 9 "Promoting sustainable transport" of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019, and policies CC2 and CC3 of Spelthorne Borough Council's Core Strategy and Policies Development Plan Document February 2009."

**Decision:**

The application was **approved**, subject to conditions as per the officer's report:

**91/20 Planning Application No.20/00342/ADV - Spelthorne Museum, 1 Elmsleigh Road, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 4PH**

**Description:**

This proposal involves the display of a mural advertising Spelthorne Museum.

**Additional Information:**

There was none.

**Public Speaking:**

There were no public speakers for this item.

**Debate:**

During the debate the following key issues were raised:

- The proposal is a good idea and will improve the appearance of the building
- It will assist in locating the museum

**Decision:**

The application was **approved** as per the officer's recommendation.

**92/20 Urgent Items**

There were none.