

**Minutes of the Planning Committee
11 August 2021**

Present:

Councillor T. Lagden (Chairman)
Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

C. Bateson	N. Islam	B.B. Spoor
A. Brar	S.C. Mooney	J. Vinson
J.T.F. Doran	R.J. Noble	
M. Gibson	R.W. Sider BEM	

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor N.J. Gething, Councillor H. Harvey and Councillor J. McIlroy

298/21 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

There were none.

299/21 Planning application 20/01783/FUL - 487-491 Staines Road West, Ashford, TW15 2AB

Description:

Planning application for the erection of 11 no. apartments comprising 8 and no. 2 bed units, 1 no. one bed unit and 2 no. studio apartments with associated car parking, landscaping and amenity space following demolition of existing bungalows and outbuildings.

Additional Information:

The dimensions stated in paragraphs 7.21 and 7.29 regarding the distances between the eastern side of the new building and the eastern boundary, and the gap between the eastern side of the new building and the side of No. 485 Staines Road West, to be corrected:

- Eastern side of the new building to the eastern boundary: 6m (instead of 7.5m)
- Eastern side of the new building to the side of No 485 Staines Road West: 7.2m (instead of 9m)

Paragraph 7.64, last sentence to be amended:

- As such there are no adverse impacts that would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when taking the tilted balance into account and therefore the application is considered to be acceptable. The application is recommended for approval, ~~subject to a legal agreement to provide an off-site affordable housing contribution.~~

Additional informative to be added to the decision notice:

- The applicant is requested to give consideration to build the scheme in accordance with Part M4(“) or Part M4(3) of the Building Regulations.

Public Speaking:

There were no public speakers registered.

Debate:

During the debate the following key issues were raised:

- The proposed development is on brownfield land
- Good level of proposed parking
- Significant amenity space
- The size of the units meet the standards outlined in housing guidance
- Heat pumps are to be installed
- The Council is currently not delivering the amount of housing needed within the Borough

Decision: The application was **APPROVED**

300/21 Planning Appeals Report

The Chairman informed the Committee that if any Member had any detailed queries regarding the report on Appeals lodged and decisions received since the last meeting, they should contact the Planning Development Manager.

Resolved that the report of the Planning Development Manager be received and noted.

301/21 Future Major Planning Applications

The Chairman informed the Committee that if any Member had any detailed queries regarding the report on future major planning applications, they should contact the Planning Development Manager.

Resolved that the report of the Planning Development Manager be received and noted.

