

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Michael Chalk (Chair), and Councillors Gemma Monaco, Tom Baker-Price, Andrew Fry, Imran Altaf, Aled Evans, Karen Ashley, Timothy Pearman and Mike Rouse

Officers:

Helena Plant, Clare Flanagan and Claire Gilbert

Democratic Services Officer:

Sarah Sellers

16. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Julian Grubb. Councillor Mike Rouse attended as substitute for Councillor Grubb.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JULY 2021

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28th July 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

19. UPDATE REPORTS

There was no update report.

20. APPLICATION 21/00444/FUL - THE ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL WOODROW DRIVE REDDITCH B98 7UB - MR LEWIN

The Chair announced that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would come back for consideration at a future meeting.

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Chair

21. APPLICATION 21/00922/FUL - 5 UNICORN PARADE UNICORN HILL REDDITCH B97 4QR - MR KHALIL REHMAN

Change of use from shop (Class E) to hot food takeaway (Sui Generis)

Officers presented the report and noted the location of the site just inside the area defined as the Retail Core under Policy 32. The restrictions on having a frontage of more than two non-retail units therefore applied, but that threshold had not been met in this case, and Members could disregard that part of the policy.

There had been 8 objections received from the public and Members were referred to the summary of comments on page 19 of the report.

There had been no objections from statutory consultees and no issues had been raised around noises, odour, highways issues or residential amenity.

Officers were of the view that the application would enhance the town centre by bringing a vacant unit back into use, and that the proposal would contribute to the night time economy. The application was recommended for approval.

At the invitation of the Chair Mr Adeel Akhtar addressed the committee under the Council's public speaking rules.

In debating the application Members acknowledged that there were a number of existing hot food establishments in the area, but that the proposal did not breach the policy on consecutive frontages and there were no material reasons to reject the application.

RESOLVED that

Having regard to the development plan and to all other material considerations planning permission be GRANTED subject to the conditions and informatives set out on pages 21 to 23 of the agenda.

22. APPLICATION 21/01079/FUL - 22 UNICORN HILL REDDITCH B97 4QU - MR A H KHAN

Change of use of ground floor from offices (formerly Hemmings estate agents) to drinking establishment

Officers presented the application for conversion of the ground floor of former estate agents offices into a bar. With regard to relevant

policies, it was noted that the site was not located in either the retail core or the conservation area.

No objections had been received from the public or from statutory consultees. Officers considered that the application would enhance vitality of this part of Redditch by bringing a vacant unit back into use and would contribute to the night time economy.

The application was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED that

Having regard to the development plan and to all other material considerations planning permission be GRANTED subject to the conditions set out on pages 28 to 29 of the agenda.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.21 pm