



Planning Committee

Wednesday, 17th January,
2024

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Peter Fleming (Chair), Councillor Imran Altaf (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Juma Begum, Andrew Fry, Bill Hartnett, Chris Holz, Sid Khan and Timothy Pearman

Also Present:

Councillor Joe Baker

Officers:

Amar Hussain, Steve Edden and Helena Plant

Democratic Services Officers:

Gavin Day

57. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anthony Lovell.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

59. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th December 2023 were presented to Members.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th December 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

60. UPDATE REPORTS

There were no update reports.

Chair

61. 23/01154/FUL - ARROW VALLEY PARK, BATTENS DRIVE, REDDITCH, B98 0LJ

The application was being reported to the Planning Committee because the applicant was Redditch Borough Council. As such the application fell outside the scheme of delegation to Officers.

Officers presented the report and in doing so, drew Members' attention to the presentation slides on pages 5 to 13 of the Site Plans and Presentations pack.

The application was for Arrow Valley Park, Battens Drive, Redditch, B98 0LJ and sought the Installation of a Pump Track between the existing BMX facility and Skate Park on site.

The proposed location detailed on page 6 of the Public Reports pack was an undeveloped grassland area situated between the existing BMX and Skatepark facilities at the Arrow Valley site and was accessed via Icknield Street Drive.

Officers detailed that the track would be approximately 60m by 25m in size and the track would be 118m in length. There would also be some hedgerow screening and a planted wildflower meadow at the rear of the site.

The site would be accessed via Icknield Street Drive and the current parking was deemed adequate. Officers further detailed the short-term impact on car parking with 16 spaces being blocked off during the development, however, there would be no long-term impact. Worcestershire Country Council Highways did not raise an objection to the application, nor were there any 3rd party or technical objections.

Officers clarified the following points after questions from Members.

- That the Appropriate ward for the application was not Winyates but the Matchborough Ward.
- There was no supplied timescale to officers as to the length of the development.
- The track would be Asphalt with grass in between the areas.
- There would be no charge to use the track and would be free to Members of the public.

Members then proceeded to debate the application.

Members stated that the application would be a great addition to Redditch and would be an excellent opportunity to those of all abilities. On being put to a vote it was:

RESOLVED that

having had regard to the development plan and to all other material considerations, planning permission be **GRANTED** subject to the conditions outlined on page 18 of the Public Reports pack.

62. **23/01265/FUL - 8 THORNHILL ROAD, NORTH MOONS MOAT, REDDITCH, B98 9ND**

The Chair announced that the application had been withdrawn on request of the applicant.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.13 pm