



**PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.**

**10 July 2008**

Present: Councillors Bradford (Chair), Llewellyn (Vice-Chair) Banham, Collishaw, Driver, George, Little (S), Lubbock and Stephenson

Apologies: Councillors Bearman and Lay

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair introduced Greg Macdonald, the Interim Assistant Director (City Development) to the Committee. General introductions ensued.

**2. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2008.

**3. APPLICATION NOS 08/00419/C AND 08/00420/F – NORWICH CITY COLLEGE**

(Several members of the public, County Councillor Hull and Councillor Jeraj attended the meeting for this item.)

The Planning Development Manager said that the applications before the Committee for the demolition of a temporary building and the erection of a two storey building could be determined on its individual merits without reference to the redevelopment of the main college site. He explained that there had been confusion over the dates of the expiry date for the consultation. Although the 21 day consultation periods arising from the neighbours' letters and statutory notices had expired, a letter sent to statutory consultees regarding drainage and bats had generated an automatic overall final expiry date on the website which might have misled members of the public. This had not been intentional and the concerns that had subsequently been raised by local residents were understandable.

During discussion members considered that the confusion regarding the expiry date of the consultation was significant and that it was important that the public had confidence in the planning system. Members referred to the summary of responses received following publication of the report (which had been circulated to members at the meeting) and concurred that a deferral of consideration of these applications would allow a proper response to the issues raised by members of the public to be incorporated into the report to the Committee.

The Chair moved and Councillor Little seconded that the consideration of the applications be deferred to the next meeting because of the issues arising from the confusion over the consultation expiry date and to allow a site visit.

**RESOLVED** to defer consideration of Application Nos 08/00419/C and 08/00420/F – Norwich City College to the next meeting of the Committee on 31 July 2008 to allow full consideration of the issues received in response to the consultation to be incorporated into the report and to hold a site visit.

#### **4. APPLICATION NO 08/00569/F – 33-36 MILLENNIUM PLAIN**

The Planner (Development) presented the report, with the aid of slides and plans, and answered members' questions. A slide showing the proposed site of the roller skating rink was circulated to members at the meeting. Members were advised that planning permission that had been granted for the ice rink each winter was for 3 months for 3 years. This application was seeking permission for a temporary 1 month period. The proposed hours of operation were Monday to Friday, 2.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.; Saturdays 11.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. and Sundays, 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

The applicant said that roller skating fitted into the Forum Trust's programme of events for the year. The Trust would work with St Peter Mancroft Church and would arrange for music to be turned off or down if required by the Church. Security for the rink when closed would be covered by CCTV cameras and staff were on site 24 hours a day.

**RESOLVED**, with 8 members voting in favour (Councillors Bradford, Llewellyn, Banham, Driver, George, Little, Lubbock and Stephenson), 0 members voting against and 1 member abstaining (Councillor Collishaw) to approve Application No 08/00569/F – 33-36 Millennium Plain and grant planning permission, subject to the following conditions:

1. Temporary time limit.
2. Opening hours time restrictions.
3. Plant and Machinery time restrictions.
4. Music volume level restrictions.
5. Contact names for staff with authority to control music volume.

#### **5. APPLICATION NO 08/00263/U – FARMERS MARKET**

The Planner (Development) presented the report, with the aid of slides and plans and answered questions. She confirmed that there was adequate access around the proposed stalls.

Members considered that a farmers market on Sundays would add to the vitality of the City Centre and would not be in competition to other market traders.

**RESOLVED** to approve Application No 08/00263/U – Farmers Market and approve planning permission, subject to the following condition:-

1. Temporary permission for 2 years only.

(Informative: a street trading licence is required.)

**6. APPLICATION NO 08/00542/F – 60 MARGARET PASTON AVENUE**

The Planning Team Leader (Development – Outer) presented the report with the aid of plans and explained that the site was within the Mile Cross conservation area, and answered members' questions.

**RESOLVED** to approve Application No 08/00542/F – 60 Margaret Paston Avenue and grant planning permission subject to the following conditions:-

1. Statutory time limit – 3 years.
2. Details of materials to be submitted.
3. Landscaping scheme to be submitted.
4. Maintenance of the landscaping scheme.
5. Car parking and turning area to be laid out and cycle storage.
6. Refuse storage and external storage to be provided prior to occupation.

(Reasons for approval:-The decision is made with regard to policies HBE8; HBE12; HOU13; HOU18; TRA6 and TRA7 of the City of Norwich Replacement Local Plan Adopted Version November 2004 and policy ENV7 of the East of England Plan, May 2008 and all material considerations. The development will not have an adverse effect on the visual or residential amenities of the locality and will preserve the character of the Conservation Area.)

CHAIR