



**Planning applications committee**

**9:30 to 10:00**

**14 July 2022**

Present: Councillors Driver (chair), Bogelein, Champion (from end of item 2), Davis, Grahame, Peek, Stutely and Young

Apologies: Councillors Sands (M) (vice chair), Lubbock, Sands (S), Thomas (Va) and Thomas (Vi)

**1. Declarations of interests**

During consideration of item 4 below, Site visit to aid in determination of applications 22/00570/F & 22/00571/L for refurbishment and repair of building 3, Teaching Wall, Norfolk Road, University of East Anglia, Councillor Young declared an interest as being employed by the University of East Anglia.

**2. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022.

(Councillor Champion was admitted to the meeting at this point.)

**3. Application no 22/00445/F - Bowmonk Ltd Diamond Road, Norwich, NR6 6AW**

The senior planner presented the report with the aid of plans and slides.

During discussion, the senior planner referred to the report and presentation and answered members' questions. He explained that the proposal had been amended in mitigation of concerns raised by neighbouring residents regarding outlook and overlooking. An aerial photograph was used to demonstrate the distance of the residential properties from the proposed extension, with the dwellings 11 to 12 metres from the boundary. Members were advised that consideration had been made in the assessment to the proposed extension being to the north of the residential dwellings, which reduced the impact on daylight, and that one of the dwellings' main outlook was to the side rather than to the north.

A member referred to the loss of the car park and suggested tree planting to provide screening and increase biodiversity. The senior planner said that there was already

a tall and healthy hedge on the boundary and that there would be very little space for additional planting. There was no proposal to remove the tree. During discussion, members were advised that there was some uncertainty about the ownership of the hedge and that any conditions proposed needed to be reasonable.

Councillor Stutely proposed an additional condition be imposed to ensure that boundary treatments were agreed with the applicant. This was to ensure that if the hedge was owned by the applicant it was maintained at a height of 2 metres or other appropriate planting for screening was provided. Members concurred with this proposal.

The chair moved and Councillor Peek seconded the recommendations as set out in the report and with the additional condition relating to boundary treatments.

During discussion, a member expressed sympathy to the local residents but said that the additional condition made the application acceptable. Another member referred to the emerging Biodiversity Strategy and said that the industrial estate appeared "barren" and that he hoped in future that opportunities to increase biodiversity corridors would be achieved through the planning process.

**RESOLVED**, unanimously, to approve application no. 22/00445/F - Bowmonk Ltd Diamond Road Norwich NR6 6AW and grant planning permission subject to the following conditions:

1. Standard time limit;
2. In accordance with plans;
3. Obscure glazing to be used on the rear facing first floor windows;
4. No installation of plant or machinery without submission of sound insulation measures first being submitted to and approved by the council.
5. Boundary treatments to be approved.

**4. Site visit to aid in determination of applications 22/00570/F & 22/00571/L for refurbishment and repair of building 3, Teaching Wall, Norfolk Road, University of East Anglia**

(Councillor Young declared an interest during this item as she is employed by the University of East Anglia.)

The senior planner presented the report, which sought the committee's agreement to undertake a site visit prior to the committee where the planning application and listed building consent would be considered. Members were advised that this would most likely be at either the September or October meetings of the committee.

During discussion member considered the practicality of holding the site visit on the same day as committee, with one member expressing a preference to hold the site visit on a different date. Members were advised that arrangements for site visits were set out in the committee procedures available on the website. The details of the site visit would be published as part of the agenda and members of the public could attend where the site visit was in the public domain or if the applicant gave consent.

**RESOLVED** to undertake a site visit before the committee where the applications for planning permission and for listed building consent are to be determined.

CHAIR