

Planning Committee – Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th November, 2022.

Present:- Councillors Carter (Chair), Akbar, Dar, Gahir, Mann, Mohammad and Muvvala

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor J. Davis and S. Parmar

PART I

41. Declarations of Interest

None.

42. Guidance on Predetermination/Predisposition - To Note

Members confirmed that they had read and understood the guidance on predetermination and predisposition.

43. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 25th October 2022

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

44. Human Rights Act Statement - To Note

The Human Rights Act Statement was noted.

45. Planning Applications

The Amendment Sheet, which included details of alterations and amendments received since the agenda was circulated had been sent to Committee Members and published on the Council website. Members confirmed they had received and read it prior to the consideration of planning applications.

Resolved – That the decisions taken in respect of the planning applications as set out in the minutes below, subject to the information, including conditions and informatives set out in the report of the Planning Manager and any Amendment Sheet circulated to Members prior to the meeting and subject to any further amendments and conditions agreed by the Committee.

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46. P/10913/028 - Landmark Place, High St, Slough, SL1 1JL

Application	Decision
Roof extension to construct a fourth and fifth floor to accommodate 45no. self-contained flats (22no. 1-bedroom and 23no. 2-bedroom flats), with associated parking and refuse/recycling storage.	Prior to Committee the item was deferred by Planning Managers to a later Planning Committee agenda to allow for further information to be submitted and reviewed.

47. Slough Local Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2021-22

The officer introduced the report, which informed Members about the results of the annual planning policy monitoring for 2021/22. This included information and provided figures on housing, employment, environment, and an update on the progress of the local plan.

The officer corrected figures given on the Amendment Sheet for Item 6 – Slough Local Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2021/22 as follows:

Para 2.14 the figure give of “6,010 sqm” should read “2,000 sqm”, and the figure given of “about 8,000 sqm” should read “about 12,000 sqm”.

The final paragraph under Item 6 “and change of 9,500 to 9,400” should read “and change of 9,500 to 9,600”.

Questions raised by Members included a request for more comprehensive details on the number of buildings left vacant, the effect on school places of new homes being built, and car-parking space figures. Planning officers explained that while valid queries these were not Local Plan policy monitoring items, and could be addressed in another forum; the monitoring report outlined the progress and success of council determination, completion and build against national housing targets.

Other questions concerned the local plan, the low proportion of affordable housing being built and the Simplified Planning Zone (SPZ). It was explained that the SPZ, which covered Slough Trading Estate, gave potential occupiers and businesses more certainty by allowing certain development without the need for planning permission. The SPZ was due to expire in the near future and officers were now looking at the specific requirements of the SPZ going forward, and Cabinet would also be involved in that process. The next steps on the Local Plan and an update on the Local Development Scheme would also be presented to Cabinet soon.

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On affordable housing, officers acknowledged that this was a challenging area, with the monitoring results for 2021/22 showing 63 were completed. Regarding house types 6% of housing completions were houses and 94% flats or maisonettes. This trend was likely to continue due to the Core Strategy of directing new development to the centre and urban areas where flats were appropriate, while ensuring development in suburban areas was predominantly family housing. The Council had carried out a public consultation on Green Belt release earlier this year, with next steps still to be decided.

At the conclusion of discussions, members agreed to note the report.

Resolved –

- a) That the results of the Annual Monitoring Report 2021/22 be noted.
- b) That the Annual Monitoring Report 2021/22 be published on the Council website.

48. Planning Appeal Decisions November 2022

Members received and noted details of planning appeals determined since the previous report to the Committee.

Resolved – That details of planning appeals be noted.

49. Members Attendance Record

Resolved – That the record of members' attendance for 2022/23 be noted.

50. Date of Next Meeting - 21st December 2022

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 21st December 2022.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 7.10 pm)