PLANNING COMMITTEE

24 AUGUST 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors Marshall (Chairman), Baker (Vice-Chair), Anketell, Barnett, Birch, Checkland, Cox, Eagland, Evans, Humphreys, Leytham, Matthews and Tapper

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ho.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Eagland declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (Item C) as she is the Staffordshire County Council Ward Division Member for Lichfield Rural North including Alrewas.

Councillor Leytham declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 (Application no – 20/00332/FUL) as he is the Ward Councillor for the area and had heard from residents. He wished to have it recorded that he would determine the application based on the information given at the meeting only.

Councillor Barnett declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 4 (Application no 20/00674/FUL) as she wished to speak as Ward Councillor. She noted that she would not debate or vote on the application.

7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 July 2020 previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for permission for development were considered with the recommendations of the Head of Economic Growth and Development and any letters of representation and petitions of observations/representations together with the supplementary report of observations /representations received since the publication of the agenda in association with Planning Applications 20/00332/FUL, 20/00674/FUL & Staffordshire County Council Consultation (L.20/03/867 M) our ref: 20/00722/SCC

20/00332/FUL – Erection of a replacement dwelling Spion Kop, Lichfield Road, Hopwas, Tamworth
For: Mr P Gray & Mrs S Foley

RESOLVED: That the planning application be approved subject to conditions contained in the report of the Head of Economic Growth and Development**.**

(Prior to consideration of the application, representations were made by Mr Clive Chapman (Objector) and Mr Karl Grace (Applicant's Agent)).

20/00674/FUL – Erection of a detached 4 bedroom dwelling with associated works
8 Blythe View, Lichfield Road, Hamstall Ridware, Rugeley
For: Mr J Greenway

RESOLVED: That the planning application be **REFUSED** on grounds of design and its subsequent detrimental impact upon the prevailing character of the surrounding area and the street scene.

(Prior to consideration of the application, representations were made by Mr Chris Poole (Objector) and Councillor Shirley Barnett (Ward Councillor)).

Staffordshire County Council Consultation (L.20/03/867 M)
Our ref: 20/00722/SCC **-** Proposed sand and gravel extraction, the erection of associated plant and infrastructure and creation of new access, in order to supply the HS2 project with ready mix concrete with exportation of surplus sand and gravel
Land South of the A513, Orgreave, Alrewas, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire

The Committee debated the consultation of a Staffordshire County Council application for development within the District area. The committee heard and noted the concerns of the Ward Councillor and largely agreed with them. They felt that there were material issues with the application namely that it did not comply with the District's Local Plan and that the site was not allocated for employment as well as not complying with the County Minerals Local Plan by not ensuring existing sites (especially Manor Park and Saddleshaw) had been completed and restored.

There was further concern that the need for the application was to aid HS2 as reports had been given that HS2 had not appointed any contractors as yet or had any dealings with the applicant. Concerns around highways and flooding were also expressed by Members as well as the veracity of the site only being operational for four years.

The Committee had concerns on the environmental impact and destruction on the habitat in the area and that the effects of this would be experienced for a lot longer than the life of the quarry.

It was agreed that a stronger and more succinct representation should be submitted by the District Council objecting to the application for the reasons stated.

RESOLVED: That the representations as submitted be withdrawn and a revised consultation response be sent to Staffordshire County Council.

(Prior to consideration of the application, representations were made by Councillor M Wilcox (Ward Councillor)).

(The Meeting closed at 8.25pm)

CHAIRMAN