

PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday, 1st October 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Shakil Ahmed (in the Chair); Councillors Burke, Davidson, Massey, Mir, O'Neill, Rana, Rashid, Rush, Taylor, Wazir, Winkler, Zaheer and Zaman.

OFFICERS: E. Heron (Economy Directorate), J. Gilligan (Neighbourhoods Directorate), L. Adams, J. Holmes, Z. Latif and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate)

18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Susan Emmott.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Burke declared a personal interest in submitted planning application 20/00912/OUT – 'Land to the east of Heywood Old Road, Middleton'.

Councillor Massey declared a personal interest in submitted planning application 20/00912/OUT - 'Land to the east of Heywood Old Road, Middleton'.

20 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held 6th August 2020 be approved, as a correct record.

21 17 CHESTER AVENUE, ROCHDALE

Resolved:

That determination of this planning application be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee.

22 LAND TO THE EAST OF HEYWOOD OLD ROAD, MIDDLETON

Resolved:

That determination of this planning application be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee.

23 ADOPTION OF REVISED LOCAL LIST FOR VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Planning and Licensing Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning which advised that the Local Planning Authority benefited from powers to require that planning applications are accompanied by such information as it considers necessary; such information must be set out in an adopted Local List. At the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting held 9th July 2020, the Committee approved the recommendation to consult on the new Local List, which was reflective of current requirements, meeting the

various relevant statutory tests and which would provide clear guidance to prospective applicants.

A public consultation exercise was carried out, in accordance with best practice guidance, and the final version of the Local List was submitted to the Committee for adoption following a review of the consultation responses received and, where appropriate, incorporation of such feedback.

The Council's current Local List was out of date; the absence of a current and technically effective list potentially exposes the Local Planning Authority to increased risk of challenge on validation requirements, could lead to delays in the process of validating planning applications and could also result in a lack of clarity for users of the Development Management service.

National Planning Practice Guidance advises that a Local Planning Authority may request supporting information with a planning application. Its requirements should be specified on a formally adopted 'local list' which has been published on its website less than two years before an application is submitted.

Resolved:

1. The Committee notes the representations and officers' responses to representations received, following consultation, and the proposed changes to the Local List.
2. The Committee approves the adoption of the revised Local List.

24 PLANNING APPEALS

The Head of Planning submitted a report which detailed planning applications, listed below, that had recently been determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

- a. 202 Queensway, Rochdale
- b. 12 Whitfield Crescent, Newhey, Rochdale
- c. 7 Weythorne Drive, Heywood
- d. 23 Tarnside Close, Smallbridge, Rochdale
- e. Carpark, Eastgate Street, Rochdale
- f. Dane Street, Rochdale
- g. 144 Whitworth Road, Rochdale

Resolved:

That the report be noted.