

MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 9.30 a.m. in the Shire House Suite, Bodmin.

PRESENT: Councillor E M Ahearn presiding; together with Councillors, J A Bassett, P Brown, A J Coppin, and J R Gibbs.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P Martin (Executive Support Officer) and Mrs. T Stiles (Senior Administration Assistant / Mayor's Secretary).

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES:

Apologies had been received from Councillors, J P Cooper, P L G Skea and K W Stubbs.

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Declarations of Interest – Members to declare interests in respect of any agenda item.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SESSION – An opportunity for local residents to make representations or ask questions relating to items on this agenda. (Note: a maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated for this session and there will be a time constraint of 5 minutes per speaker).

There were five members of the public and one member of the press present.

Christine Howard read a prepared statement with reference to what she considered a misleading submission for PA19/07346 (*EIA Scoping Opinion Request for proposed residential development of approximately 540 dwellings and associated works - Land East Of Halgavor Moor Farm, Halgavor Road, Bodmin*). Mrs. Howard voiced her concerns that the map of the land submitted for the scoping request differed materially from the extent of the land as outlined in the Site Allocations DPD. She considered that two areas which would be crucial to an EIA (both owned by Cornwall Council) had not been included.

Mrs. Howard reiterated that the Inspector's reports of 22 March 2018 and 10 April 2019 reflected the concerns of residents regarding the ecological value of the site, and that a Wainhomes representative had acknowledged that there were fundamental issues with the site which was very challenging from a development perspective.

Furthermore, she considered that following the division of Bd-UE2 into two sites (Bd-UE2a & Bd-UE2b) any scoping should include both sides of Lostwithiel Road to encompass both sites as each affects the other (especially in terms of drainage) and the road structure will link both together.

Mrs. Howard asked that the Town Council make clear to Cornwall Council that any application for Halgavor should be a full EIA to include the whole of Bd-UE2a and Bd-UE2b.

There followed discussion regarding the history of the site and the course of objections raised by residents, Bodmin Town Council and Scott Mann, MP.

The Chair summarised the comments that had been made and advised that as and when a full application was made, to which Bodmin Town Council would be a

statutory consultee, it would be featured on the Planning Committee Agenda and that Cornwall Council members for Bodmin will be invited to attend that meeting.

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To consider and, if appropriate, adopt revised Planning Committee Terms of Reference (minute ref P/2019/142 refers);

The revised Terms of Reference had been circulated with the Agenda. The ESO reminded Members that the proposed wording change to point 7 was designed to broaden its scope and ensure that it was watertight in terms of the 5 Day Protocol for Local Councils which was sometimes invoked by the Local Planning Authority. Following discussion, it was AGREED to adopt the changes as set out.

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Works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order: Proposal to reduce sycamore – 23 Athelstan Park, Bodmin – Mr P Matthews;

Bodmin Town Council supports this application subject to no adverse comments from the Tree Officer.

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Cornwall Council Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) ref EDG1485-SN2 – Beacon Road Bridge, Bodmin – to note six-month consultation period from 4 September 2019 to 6 March 2020

Details of the ETRO and associated map had been circulated with the Agenda. Councillor Bassett commented that the trial was fundamentally flawed if it was only the bridge being made one-way. She considered that the reason the route had worked well during the Bodmin Growth Deal roadworks in 2016 was that it incorporated Harleigh Road into the one-way system.

Members discussed it at length and Councillor Coppin was of the view that the trial should be supported and that it was up to both Councillors and residents to evidence any issues during the trial.

It was AGREED to make the following representation:

Bodmin Town Council is pleased to note that the ETRO is now in place for a one-way system over Beacon Bridge, which has proved a notorious blackspot for bottlenecking of traffic due to poor visibility and road width. However, the Council was disappointed that Harleigh Road was not included in the route as it considers that making this part of a one-way system is key to the success of any such trial. Bodmin Town Council would urge Cornwall Council to consider the use of a one-way system in Harleigh Road, in the same way that was utilised during the Growth Deal works of 2016/17, in order to garner any sort of effective outcome from the trial.

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Cornwall Council Local Council Planning Conferences 2019 – to note provisional bookings being taken for the following dates:

St Austell, 29 October 2019, 4.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Camborne, 13 November 2019, 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Callington, 5 December 2019, 4.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

The information had been circulated with the Agenda and was NOTED. It was AGREED that Councillors, Ahearn; Bassett; Brown and Gibbs would be booked to attend St Austell.

The meeting closed at 10.06 a.m.

