

PLANNING COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE BOOTLE TOWN HALL
ON 29 JUNE 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Veidman (in the Chair)
Councillor O'Brien (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Dodd, Hansen, Irving, John Kelly,
Sonya Kelly, Richards, Riley, Roche and
Lynne Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Howard and Sathiy.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Spencer, Tweed, Waterfield, Halsall (substitute Member) and John Joseph Kelly (substitute Member).

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Council's Code of Conduct, the following declaration of personal interest was made and the Member concerned remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or voting on the item:

Member	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Councillor Dodd	Minute No. 15- DC/2021/00924 - Land Off Bankfield Lane, Southport	Pre-determination

13. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2022

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

14. DC/2021/01929 - 1-3 CROSBY ROAD SOUTH, WATERLOO

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the change of use from offices (E) to 14 flats (C3), including a two-storey rear extension and alterations to roof to include two replacement dormers to the front

elevation and two new dormers to the rear elevation be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Committee received a petition on behalf of objectors against the proposed development and a response by the applicant's agent.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation be approved and the application be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report and the amended condition No.7 contained in Late Representations, subject to the completion of a Section 106 legal agreement and subject to the amendment of condition No. 13 to require "turn left only" for traffic leaving site and an amendment to condition No. 9 to seek additional planting in rear garden area.

15. DC/2021/00924 - LAND OFF BANKFIELD LANE, SOUTHPORT

Further to Minute No. 6 of 6 June 2018, the Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the erection of 9 houses, together with a new vehicular access and associated works (part alternative to application reference DC/2017/00821) be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Committee received a petition on behalf of objectors against the proposed development and a response by the applicant's agent.

Councillor Sathiy, as Ward Councillor, made representations on behalf of objectors against the proposed development.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the application be deferred to enable further traffic surveys to be undertaken and review of the content of the Construction Traffic Management Plan to be carried out.

16. DC/2021/01848 - LAND ADJACENT TO 16 MOORHOUSES, HIGHTOWN

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the erection of a detached dwellinghouse with associated access and landscaping (Resubmission of DC/2020/01790 refused 24/6/2021) be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Committee received a petition on behalf of objectors against the proposed development and a response by the applicant's agent.

Members discussed the proposal in detail and expressed concern at the effect of the construction of the property on important natural habitat and inadequate compensation agreed, and the scale of works required which they felt would have a significant effect on neighbouring residents.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation be not approved and the application be refused on the basis of Planning Policy NH2 (5) 'Where significant harm resulting from development cannot be avoided, adequately mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated, then planning permission will be refused', and also on the basis of Policy EQ4 in relation to the harmful impact of the construction of the property on adjoining residents.

17. DC/2022/00575 - 34 GROSVENOR ROAD, BIRKDALE

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the change of use of the existing private swimming pool to a public swimming pool on a permanent basis following planning permission (DC/2019/02039) be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Committee received a petition on behalf of objectors against the proposed development and a response by the applicant's agent.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation be approved and the application be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report.

18. DC/2022/00087 - LAND AT CROSBY COASTAL PARK, CROSBY

Further to Minute No. 5 of 1 June 2022 the Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for a proposed cycleway and footway through Crosby Coastal Park, starting at Blundellsands Road West to Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre (on/off road shared use cycleway and footway), joining onto the existing cycle route on Great Georges Road/ Cambridge Road, be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Councillor Howard, as Ward Councillor, made representations on behalf of objectors against the proposed development.

Arising from the report and representations, Members discussed a number of areas of potential concern in detail and expressed continued concern regarding the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users, particularly in busy areas such as the junction with South Road, Crosby.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation be not approved and the application be refused as it does not accord with Planning Policy EQ3 (f) which requires development to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and all road users is not adversely affected.

19. DC/2022/00720 - 55 BOWDEN STREET, LITHERLAND

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the erection of a two-storey extension to the side of the dwellinghouse be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation be approved and the application be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report and in Late Representations and subject to an additional condition requiring the development to only be used as a single-family dwelling.

20. PLANNING APPEALS REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer giving an update on progress on appeals lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

21. VISITING PANEL SCHEDULE

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer which advised that the undermentioned sites had been inspected by the Visiting Panel on 27 June 2022.

Application No.	Site
DC/2022/00720	55 Bowden Street, Litherland.
DC/2021/01929	1-3 Crosby Road South, Waterloo
DC/2022/00087	Land At Crosby Coastal Park, Crosby
DC/2021/01848	Land Adjacent To 16 Moorhouses, Hightown
DC/2022/00575	34 Grosvenor Road, Birkdale
DC/2021/00924	Land Off Bankfield Lane, Churchtown

RESOLVED:

That the report on the sites inspected by the Visiting Panel be noted.

22. MR. S. BIRCH - TRANSPORT PLANNING AND HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Chair informed Members that this would be the final meeting which Mr. S. Birch, Transport Planning and Highway Development Manager, would be attending. The Chair paid tribute to the excellent service provided to the Committee and to Sefton Council by Mr. Birch throughout his career with the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the appreciation of the services of Mr. Birch and the Committee's best wishes for the future be placed on record.