

PLANNING COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON 7 APRIL 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Moncur (in the Chair)

Councillors Byrne, Colbert, M Fearn, Gibson, Glover,
Gustafson, Mahon, Preston, Roberts, Storey and
Tweed and Gibson.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Cluskey, P.Dowd and C.Mainey.

196. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barber, Connell and Sumner.

197. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received:

Member / Officer	Item	Interest	Action
Councillor Byrne	Application No. S/2010/0075 Land to Rear Kensington House Sports and Social Club, Station Road, Maghull	Prejudicial – May have given the impression through a friend of support to this application	Left the room and took no part in consideration of the item and did not vote thereon

198. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2010

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

**199. APPLICATION NO. S/2009/0771 - CAR PARK PENDLE VIEW ,
LITHERLAND**

Mr.J.Alford, Assistant Director Regulatory Services, Planning and Economic Regeneration Department indicated that this application had gone to appeal and would need to be discussed as an urgent matter by the Planning (Urgent Referrals) Committee.

RESOLVED:

That a meeting of the Planning (Urgent Referrals) Committee be convened to consider the Council's position with regard to the appeal.

200. APPLICATION NO. S/2010/0170 - CYCLE TRACK AINSDALE & BIRKDALE NATURE RESERVE WATERLOO ROAD, BIRKDALE

The Planning and Economic Development Director reported that this application had been withdrawn.

201. APPLICATION NO. S/2010/0065 - 34 INCE ROAD, THORNTON

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director recommending that the above application for the installation of a dwarf wall and railings to a maximum height of 1.7m to the front of the dwellinghouse be approved, subject to the conditions and reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Committee received a petition from Mr. Egginton on behalf of objectors against the proposed development and a response from Mr. Hayden on behalf of the applicant.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved and the application be granted subject to the conditions referred to in the report.

202. APPLICATION NO. S/2010/0075 - LAND TO REAR KENSINGTON HOUSE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB STATION ROAD, MAGHULL

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director recommending that the above application for the construction of six semi-detached two storey dwellings and access road be approved, subject to the conditions and reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Committee received a petition from Mrs. Green on behalf of objectors against the proposed development and a response from Mr. Percy on behalf of the applicant.

Councillor C. Mainey as Ward Councillor, made representations against the proposed development.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the above application be deferred to allow Officers to submit further information regarding the impact on green space, the highway and flood risk.

**203. APPLICATION NO. S/2010/0159 - 19 FOREST ROAD,
SOUTHPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director recommending that the above application for the change of use to a hot food take-away and construction of an access ramp to the front of the premises be approved, subject to the conditions and reasons stated or referred to in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved and the application be granted subject to the conditions referred to in the report.

**204. APPLICATION NO. S/2010/0171 - 36 LITHERLAND PARK,
LITHERLAND**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director recommending that the above application for the conversion of five apartments including the erection of a part two and a half – part two storey extension to the side and two storey extension to the rear, new basement access and car parking to the rear, be approved, subject to the conditions and reasons stated or referred to in the report.

Prior to consideration of the application, the Committee received a petition from Mr.B.Webster on behalf of objectors against the proposed development and a response from Mr. Healey on behalf of the applicant.

Councillor Cluskey as Ward Councillor, made representations against the proposed development

RESOLVED: That

The recommendation be not approved and the application be refused as the proposed development would conflict with Sefton UDP Policies CS3, H10 and MD2 in that it would cause significant harm to the character of the area and be detrimental to the amenities of nearby residents by reason of the scale, size and overbearing nature of the proposed extension and noise, disturbance and loss of security from the proposed car park at the rear.

205. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - APPROVALS

RESOLVED:

That the following applications be approved, subject to:-

- (1) the conditions (if any) and for the reasons stated or referred to in the Planning and Economic Development Director's report and/or Late Representations 1 and 2; and
- (2) the applicants entering into any legal agreements indicated in the report or Late Representations:

Application No.	Site
S/2010/0060	154A Sussex Road, Southport
S/2010/0093	30 Moorgate Avenue, Crosby
S/2010/0207	Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre, Cambridge Road, Waterloo
S/2010/0305	Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre, Cambridge Road, Waterloo

206. APPLICATIONS TO BE INSPECTED BY THE VISITING PANEL ON 6 APRIL 2010

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director which advised that the undermentioned sites had been inspected by the Visiting Panel on 6 April, 2010.

Application No.	Site
S/2010/0305	Lakeside Leisure Centre, Waterloo
S/2010/0207	Lakeside Leisure Centre, Waterloo
S/2010/0093	30 Moorgate Avenue, Crosby
S/2010/0065	34 Ince Road, Thornton
S/2009/0170	Cycle Track, Ainsdale & Birkdale Nature Reserve
S/2010/0327	131-133 Upper Aughton Road, Southport
S/2010/0159	19 Forest Road, Southport
S/2010/0075	Rear of Kensington House Sports & Social Club, Station Road, Maghull
S/2010/0237	Giddygate Lane, Melling
S/2010/0171	36 Litherland Park, Litherland

RESOLVED:

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

207. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPEALS

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the results of the undermentioned appeal and progress on appeals lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

Appellant	Proposal/Breach of Planning Control	Decision
Mr.J.Philips	Land at junction of Northway and Westway, Maghull, Merseyside - S/2009/0839 - appeal against refusal of the Council to grant Advertisement Consent for the display of 1 no. externally illuminated sign board on the vacant land at the junction of Northway and Westway, Maghull.	Dismissed 12/03/10

Late Representations referred to appeals lodged in relation to Pendle View, Litherland and Formby Football Club.

RESOLVED:

That the report on the results of appeals and progress on appeals lodged with the Planning Inspectorate be noted.

208. RETAINED RETAIL CONSULTANTS – APPOINTMENT OF NEW CONSULTANTS FOR THE PERIOD TO THE END OF 2014/15

Further to Minute No. 17 of 16 December 2009, the Committee considered report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval for the appointment of new retail consultants for the period to the end of 2014/15.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet be recommended to appoint WYG as retained Retail Consultants to the Council for the period 2010/11 to 2014/15.

209. SEFTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2010

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director outlining the purpose and proposed content of the fifth Local Development Scheme (LDS) and seeking approval for the submission of the draft document to Government Office North West.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet be recommended to;-

- (1) approve the draft Local Development Scheme, available to view at www.sefton.gov.uk/LDS for submission to Government Office Northwest; and
- (2) authorise the Planning and Economic Development Director to make any changes required as a result of discussion with Government Office and any minor editorial or presentational changes.

210. GREEN BELT STUDY – APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director advising of the appointment of consultants to validate the green Belt Study and the implications this would have on the Preferred Options stage of preparation of the Core Strategy.

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of Envision as consultants to validate the Council's Green Belt Study, undertaken jointly with Knowsley Borough Council be endorsed.

211. ADDITIONAL PITCH PROVISION FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS IN SEFTON

Further to Minute No.78 of the meeting of Cabinet Member – Communities held on 31 March 2010, the Committee considered the joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that explained the requirement on the local authority to secure additional pitch provision for gypsies and travellers; sought approval for the methodology for site appraisal and selection; explained the process and likely timescale for site appraisal and submission of an application for gypsy and traveller site grant; and sought delegated authority for the relevant Directors to make and submit an application for site grant should a suitable site (or sites) be identified, subject to subsequent endorsement by Cabinet.

Attached as an annexe to the report was a Scoring Framework / Methodology for the appraisal and selection of potential Gypsy and Traveller sites in Sefton.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report and the need to secure additional pitch provision (transit and permanent) for Gypsies and Travellers be noted;
- (2) the Cabinet be recommended to approve the methodology for site appraisal and selection as detailed within the report and its annexe;

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- (3) the Cabinet be recommended to authorise the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director, in consultation with the Planning and Economic Development Director, to make minor changes to the scoring framework if early consultations with key partners/stakeholders show that this is necessary; and
- (4) Area Committees be consulted prior to the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director drafting a further report regarding potential sites