



MEETING: PLANNING (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE
DATE: Wednesday 24th November, 2010
TIME: 5.00 pm
VENUE: Town Hall, Bootle

Member

Councillor

Tweed (Chair)
Griffiths
Preston

Substitute

Councillor

Mahon
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AGENDA

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Subject/Author(s)</u> | <u>Wards Affected</u> |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest Members and Officers are requested to give notice of any personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct. | |
| 3. | Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2010 | (Pages 3 - 4) |
| 4. | Application No. S/2010/1405 - Telecommunications Mast on Pavement at Junction of College Road and Brooke Road East, Waterloo Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director | Victoria; (Pages 5 - 10) |

THIS SET OF MINUTES IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

PLANNING (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE BOOTLE TOWN HALL ON 5 OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Tweed (in the Chair)
Councillors Griffiths and Preston

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours exclusion of the information from the press and public.

4. APPLICATION NO.S/2010/0350 - SAINSBURY'S 1-3 LIVERPOOL ROAD, CROSBY

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director giving details of legal advice received from Counsel regarding the proposed reason for refusal in respect of the abovementioned Planning Application.

RESOLVED: That

1. the Reasons for Refusal of Application No: S/2010/0350 be confirmed as follows:

The proposed development fails to respond positively to the character and form of its surroundings in respect of form, massing, style, design and material and is therefore contrary to the requirements of Sefton UDP Policy DQ1 and PPS5 HE7.5.

2. the potential costs be identified and a further report highlighting these be submitted to a future meeting.

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Committee: **PLANNING (Urgent Referral)**

Date of Meeting: **24 November 2010**

Title of Report: **S/2010/1405**
Telecommunications Mast on Pavement at Junction of College Road and Brooke Road East, Waterloo
(Victoria Ward)

Proposal: Prior Notification Procedure for the installation of a replacement 12.5m high (total height) telecommunications mast with one new cabinet to replace existing two cabinets

Applicant: Telefonica O2 UK LTD

Executive Summary

This is a Prior Notification Procedure for the installation of a replacement 12.5m high telecommunications mast and replacement of two cabinets with one cabinet on the pavement at the junction of Brooke Road East and College Road, Waterloo. The issues to consider are the siting and appearance of the development. It is considered the proposal will not have a significantly greater impact on amenity and resolves previous highway issues. Approval is therefore recommended.

Recommendation(s) Approval

Justification

The proposal will not have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the area. The applicant has demonstrated compliance with guidelines in respect of health and the siting and design of the proposed equipment is considered to be acceptable. When assessed against the Development Plan and all other material considerations, particularly policies CS3, DQ1, H10, MD8 and PPG8 "Telecommunications" the proposal is acceptable.

Condition

1. T-1 Full Planning Permission Time Limit

Reason

1. RT-1

Drawing Numbers

100A, 200B, 201C, 300A, 301C, 400C

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Financial Implications

| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | 2006/ 2007 £ | 2007/ 2008 £ | 2008/ 2009 £ | 2009/ 2010 £ |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure | | | | |
| Funded by: | | | | |
| Sefton Capital Resources | | | | |
| Specific Capital Resources | | | | |
| REVENUE IMPLICATIONS | | | | |
| Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure | | | | |
| Funded by: | | | | |
| Sefton funded Resources | | | | |
| Funded from External Resources | | | | |
| Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N | When? | | | |
| How will the service be funded post expiry? | | | | |

List of Background Papers relied upon in the preparation of this report

History referred to
Policy referred to

S/2010/1405

The Site

The site forms part of a section of adopted footway close to the junction of Brooke Road East and College Road Waterloo.

There is an existing 12.5m high monopole with two ground based equipment cabinets.

Proposal

Prior Notification Procedure for the installation of a replacement 12.5m high (total height) telecommunications mast with one new cabinet to replace existing two cabinets

History

S/2001/0392 – Prior Approval for a 10m high mast and associated cabin – Approved 04/07/01

S/2003/1321 – Prior Approval for a 12.5m high mast and associated cabin and equipment – Refused 5/2/04 - Allowed on Appeal 25/08/04

S/2006/1113 – Prior Approval for a 15m high monopole and associated cabinet – Refused 11/01/07

Consultations

Highways Development Control - At present there are two cabinets located in the footway on the north side of Brooke Road East. The larger cabinet restricts the width of available adopted footway to less than 1m and the smaller cabinet restricts the inter-visibility between pedestrians at the crossing point on the north side of Brooke Road East and drivers travelling east bound.

This proposal involves replacing the two existing cabinets with one new cabinet which is smaller than the large cabinet and positioned further from the corner than the smaller one. The existing pole and antenna will also be replaced but the new pole and antenna will be located in precisely the same position as the existing.

In view of the above, the proposal results in significant benefits both to pedestrian safety and the free-flow of pedestrian movement along the footway on the north side of Brooke Road East and as such there are no objections.

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Neighbour Representations

Last date for replies: 3/11/10

Letter received from Minards Pavlou Solicitors advising that they would object if the new cabinet restricts the pavement further.

Letter received from 16 Lichfield Avenue, commenting that the cabinet should leave ample space on the pavement for wheel chairs and prams. Houses near the mast are up for sale and residents may be concerned at the proximity of the mast. Request that previous concerns be taken into consideration when reaching a decision.

Policy

The application site is situated in an area allocated as Primarily Residential on the Council's Adopted Unitary Development Plan.

CS3 Development Principles
DQ1 Design
H10 Development in Primarily Residential Areas
MD8 Telecommunications Development
PPG8 Telecommunications

Comments

The main issue to be considered is the impact of the proposed telecommunication installation having regard to its siting, design and external appearance.

The proposal is to replace the existing 12.5m high mast (allowed on appeal) with a dual user pole of the same height. It will be located in precisely the same position as the existing. The structure will be slightly bulkier, however it is considered this is a small alteration and would not have a greater impact upon the appearance or character of the area.

At present there are two cabinets located in the footway. The larger cabinet restricts the width of available adopted footway to less than 1m and the smaller cabinet restricts the inter-visibility between pedestrians at the crossing point on the north side of Brooke Road East and drivers travelling east bound.

The proposal is to replace the two existing cabinets with one new cabinet which is smaller than the large cabinet and positioned further from the corner than the smaller one. This will result in significant benefits both to pedestrian safety and the free-flow of pedestrian movement along the footway on the north side of Brooke Road East. Highways raise no objections to the proposal.

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