

PLANNING COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT BOOTLE TOWN HALL
ON 28 JUNE 2023**

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

Councillors Desmond, Dodd, Hansen, John Kelly,
Sonya Kelly, Richards, Riley, Roche,
Lynne Thompson, Tweed and Waterfield

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Spencer.

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Council's Code of Conduct, the following declarations of personal interest were made and the Members concerned remained in the room during the consideration of the item and took part in the discussion and voting thereon:

Member	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Councillor Veidman	Minute No. 102 - DC/2022/02146 National Trust Car Park, Victoria Road, Formby.	Is a member of the National Trust
Councillor Desmond	Minute No. 102 - DC/2022/02146 National Trust Car Park, Victoria Road, Formby.	Is a member of the National Trust
Councillor Richards	Minute No. 102 - DC/2022/02146 National Trust Car Park, Victoria Road, Formby.	Had submitted a representation on the Planning Application but the matter referred to was not relevant to the consideration of the application.

101. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

102. DC/2022/02146 - NATIONAL TRUST CAR PARK, VICTORIA ROAD, FORMBY

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the relocation of the existing car park and restoration of frontal dune habitat be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report and late representations.

Arsing from the report Members discussed the matter in detail and the following issues were raised:

- removal of spoil including issues around the safety of walkers and the implications of the length of the construction period;
- the number of trees felled by the National Trust in the Formby and Ainsdale area over the past 5 years;
- issues surrounding parking in Formby during the construction period;
- access to the adjacent caravan park;
- alternative parking at the Lifeboat Road site;
- screening of the material within the site, particularly any contaminated material, and vehicle movements through Formby to remove any material which could not stay on site
- the likely amount of asbestos on the site;

On the invitation of the Chair the Committee received a response by representatives of the applicant.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation be not approved and the application be refused for the reason that the significant loss of the trees, which are to be removed as part of the development, would cause visual harm to the area and as such would be contrary to Policy ESD7 in the Formby and Little Altcar Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Policy EQ9.

103. VISITING PANEL

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer which advised that the undermentioned site had been inspected by the Visiting Panel on 26 June 2023.

Application No.	Site
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DC/2022/02146	National Trust Car Park, Victoria Road, Formby
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RESOLVED:

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