

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD AT BOOTLE TOWN HALL  
ON 13 NOVEMBER 2024**

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

Councillors Desmond, Dodd, Johnson, John Kelly,  
Sonya Kelly, McGinnity, Christopher Page, Richards,  
Roche, Thompson and Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Howard and Veidman

**47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Brough.

**48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

**49. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

**50. DC/2024/01545 - 102 THE SERPENTINE NORTH,  
BLUNDELLSANDS**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the erection of a new brick wall, fencing and sliding gate to the front of the dwellinghouse (Part Retrospective) be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report and late representations.

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

The Chief Planning Officer reported at the meeting that as a result of comments regarding the dark colour treatment of the fencing the applicants had stated that the fence could be stained in a brown colour to

match other fences in the area. This could be included as part of the approved plans. Members discussed the proposal and expressed the view that the wall and fence as erected was considered acceptable and did not need to be clad with fencing (as proposed).

**RESOLVED:**

That a decision on the application be delegated to the Chief Planning Officer following discussion with the applicant to allow the plans to be amended to reflect the current appearance of the wall/fence as erected.

**51. DC/2024/01661 - 205 STRAND ROAD, BOOTLE**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer recommending that the above application for the change of use from a dwellinghouse (Class C3) to a children's home for up to 2 children (Class C2) be granted subject to the conditions, signing of a s.106 legal agreement, and for the reasons stated or referred to in the report and late representations.

Arising from the discussion members considered the appropriateness of such a development in this particular area and noted the comments of Merseyside Police regarding crime and antisocial behaviour which were set out in Late Representations.

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation be not approved and the application be refused for the reason that the introduction of such a proposal in an area of high crime would be detrimental to the future residents contrary to policy EQ1 within the Sefton Local Plan.

**52. PLANNING APPEALS REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Planning Officer on the results of the undermentioned appeals and progress on appeals lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

Appellant	Proposal/Breach of Planning Control	Decision
Mrs. E. McDonald and Mrs C. Hughes	DC/2023/00203 (APP/HH/2152) - 43 Blundell Road Hightown Liverpool L38 9EF – Appeal against a remedial notice (High Hedge Complaint)	Dismissed 07/10/24
Miss. S. Brough	DC/2023/00374 (APP/M4320/W/24/3339834) - 25 Botanic Road Southport PR9 7NG - appeal against refusal by the Council to grant permission for the removal of condition 7 and variation of conditions	Dismissed 03/10/24

8 and 9 pursuant to planning permission DC/2021/02153 approved on 22/03/2022 to allow the rear garden to be used by customers/children, increase the opening hours to include the occasional Sunday from 10.00am to 16.00pm and increase the number of children on the premises to 20

Sefton and Formby Developments Ltd.	DC/2023/02092 (APP/M4320/Z/24/3341533) - Land to the East of the A565 Formby Bypass Formby L37 7HN - appeal against refusal by the Council to grant advertisement consent for the display of 2 No. non-illuminated hoarding signs	Allowed 23/09/24
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RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

### **53. 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 11 November 2024.

Application No.	Site
DC/2024/01545	102 The Serpentine North, Blundellsands
DC/2024/01661	205 Strand Road, Bootle

RESOLVED:

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