Peckham Community Council

Planning Agenda

DATE: Thursday 20th OCTOBER 2005   TIME: 7.00 PM
PLACE: The Unity Centre, 37-39 Peckham High Street, SE15

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Notification of any items which the Chair deems urgent
4. Disclosure of Members’ interests and dispensations

5. Development Control Items
   • Item 1/1 Planning Permission –
     4, 5 & 6 Acorn Parade, Meeting House Lane SE15
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
Councillor Graham Neale Chair
Councillor Barry Hargrove
Councillor Jonathan Hunt
Councillor Billy Kayada
Councillor Richard Porter
Councillor Tayo Situ

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

DATE OF DISPATCH: Wednesday 12th October 2005

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the Community Council wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information.

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in paragraphs 1-15, Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution.”

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Tim Murtagh 020 7525 7187
E-mail: tim.murtagh@southwark.gov.uk

Council Website: [www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk)
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the determination of planning applications, or formal observations and comments, the instigation of enforcement action and the receipt of the reports included in the attached items be considered.

2. That the decisions made on the planning applications be subject to the conditions and/or made for the reasons set out in the attached reports unless otherwise stated.

3. That where reasons for decisions or conditions are not included or not as included in the reports relating to an individual item, they be clearly specified.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The Council’s powers to consider planning committee business detailed in Article 8 under Role and Functions of the Committee which were agreed by the Constitutional Meeting of the Council on 24th February 2003. This function was delegated to the Planning Committee.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Members are asked to determine the attached applications in respect of site(s) within the borough.

6. Each of the following items are preceded by a map showing the location of the land/property to which the report relates. Following the report, there is a draft decision notice detailing the officer’s recommendation indicating approval or refusal. Where a refusal is recommended the draft decision notice will detail the reasons for such refusal.

7. Applicants have the right to appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment against a refusal of planning permission and against any condition imposed as part of permission. If the appeal is dealt with by public inquiry then fees may be incurred through employing Counsel to present the Council’s case. The employment of Counsel is generally limited to complex inquiries or for very major proposals.

8. The sanctioning of enforcement action can also involve costs such as process serving, Court costs and of legal representation.
9. Where either party is felt to have acted unreasonably in an appeal involving a public inquiry or informal hearing the inspector can make an award of costs against the offending party.

10. All legal/Counsel fees and costs as well as awards of costs against the Council are borne by the Regeneration budget.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON THOSE AFFECTED

11. Equal opportunities considerations are contained within each item.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor & Secretary

12. A resolution to grant planning permission shall mean that the Development & Building Control Manager is authorised to grant planning permission. The resolution does not itself constitute the permission and only the formal document authorised by the Committee and issued under the signature of the Development & Building Control Manager shall constitute a planning permission.

13. A resolution to grant planning permission subject to legal agreement shall mean that the Development & Building Control Manager is authorised to issue a planning permission subject to the applicant and any other necessary party entering into a written agreement in a form of words prepared by the Borough Solicitor and Secretary, and which is satisfactory to the Development & Building Control Manager. Developers meet the Council's legal costs of such agreements. Such an agreement shall be entered into under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or under another appropriate enactment as shall be determined by the Borough Solicitor and Secretary. The planning permission will not be issued unless such an agreement is completed.

14. Section 70 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires the Council to have regard to the provisions of the development plan, so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations when dealing with applications for planning permission. Section 54A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 provides that where, in making any determination under the planning Acts, regard is to be had to the development plan, the determination shall be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The development plan is currently the Southwark Unitary Development Plan adopted by the Council in July 1995.

15. Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 introduced the concept of planning obligations. Planning obligations may take the form of planning agreements or unilateral undertakings and may be entered into by any person who has an interest in land in the area of a local planning authority. Planning obligations may only:
1. restrict the development or use of the land;

2. require operations or activities to be carried out in, on, under or over the land;

3. require the land to be used in any specified way; or

4. require payments to be made to the local planning authority on a specified date or dates or periodically.

Planning obligations are enforceable by the planning authority against the person who gives the original obligation and/or their successor/s.

16. Government policy on planning obligations is contained in the Department of the Environment's circular 1/97. Provisions of legal agreements must fairly and reasonably relate to the provisions of the Development Plan and to planning considerations affecting the land. The obligation must also be such as a reasonable planning authority, duly appreciating its statutory duties, can properly impose, i.e. it must not be so unreasonable that no reasonable authority could have imposed it. Before resolving to grant planning permission subject to a legal agreement Members should therefore satisfy themselves that the subject matter of the proposed agreement will meet these tests.

### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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APPENDIX 1

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**CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

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ITEMS ON AGENDA OF THE PECKHAM CC

on Thursday 20 October 2005

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Recommendation  GRANT
Proposal
Change of use of Unit 4 from a pharmacy (A1 Use Class) to a betting office (A2 Use Class) in conjunction with existing betting office at Units 5 & 6 Acorn Parade, and installation of new shop fronts.

Item 1/1
Item No. 1  
Classification OPEN  
Decision Level Peckham Community Council  
Date 20/10/05

From Interim Development and Building Control Manager

Title of Report DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Proposal (05-AP-0396)
Change of use of Unit 4 from a pharmacy (A1 Use Class) to a betting office (A2 Use Class) in conjunction with existing betting office at Units 5 & 6 Acorn Parade and installation of new shop fronts.

Address 4, 5 & 6 Acorn Parade, Meeting House Lane SE15
Ward Livesey

PURPOSE

1 To consider the above application. This requires determination by the Community Council due to the number of objections received. The application was deferred from the Peckham Community Council meeting on 28 July 2005 for further consultation and to encourage the applicant to attend.

RECOMMENDATION

2 Grant planning permission.

BACKGROUND

3 The site is located on the corner of Meeting House Lane and Carlton Grove, north of Peckham High Street, and comprises a two-storey mixed use development comprising six commercial spaces fronting Meeting House Lane, four residential units to the rear, and twelve residential units at first floor. The existing six spaces consist of a betting office (No's 5 & 6), a recently vacated pharmacy (No. 4), an off-licence, a hairdressers, and a video library. The shops are not part of a protected shopping frontage, in both the adopted UDP proposals plan and the draft UDP proposals plan.

4 Small local commercial areas are located further east and west of the site. Several commercial spaces in each area appear to be under utilised or unoccupied, and some have been converted into residential spaces with shop fronts having been deleted.

5 Planning History
Planning permission was granted (dated 26.02.02) for the change of use of existing retail units at 7-12 Acorn Parade (being to the rear of the subject site) into four flats (LBS Reg. 0200153).

6 Current application
The application is for the change of use of No. 4 from a pharmacy (A1 Use Class) to a betting office (A2 use class) in conjunction with the existing betting office at No's 5 and
6, as well as the installation of a new shop front. The proposal includes removing the internal wall between No. 4 and No. 5-6.

7 An application for advertisement consent for the display of internally illuminated advertisements (ref.: 05-AP-0457) which are shown on the application drawings, was granted consent under delegated powers on 09/05/05.

FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

Main Issues

8 The main issue in this case is the loss of retail floor space, and the impact of the proposed use on the amenity of the area.

Planning Policy

9 Southwark Unitary Development Plan 1995 [UDP]:
Policy E.2.3 - Aesthetic Control - Complies; new shopfront is of an acceptable design standard.
Policy E.3.1 - Protection of Amenity - Complies; the use would not generate any external adverse impacts.
Policy S.1.4 - Shops Outside Primary and Secondary Shopping Frontages - Complies; would not impair local retail service.
Policy S.1.5 - Change of Non-Retail Uses - Complies; would not involve any greater nuisance.
Policy S.3.3 - Shop Front Design - Complies.

10 The Southwark Plan [Revised Draft] February 2005
Policies 1.9 - Change of Use and New Development Within Town and Local Centres - Complies; retains A Class use, and would not harm the vitality of area.
Policy 1.11 - Protecting the Range of Services Available - Complies; would not affect vitality of vitality of nearby shops.
Policy 3.2 - Protection of Amenity - Complies.
Policy 3.11 - Quality in Design - Complies.
Policy 3.13 - Urban Design - Complies.

Consultations

11 Site Notice: 17.03.05 Press Notice: N/a.

12 Consultees: Units 13-27 Ashdene, Carlton Grove; Units 1-3, 7-9 Acorn Parade; Flats 1-6, 70 meeting House Lane; 64, 66, 68 Meeting House Lane; Flats 1-6, 40 Meeting House Lane; Havelock Arms, 38 Meeting House Lane, 36, 53 Meeting House Lane.

No internal consultees.

Replies from:

13 68 Meeting House Lane
- Objects to the proposal and the expansion of the existing betting office.
Existing betting office is a source of noise and anti-social behaviour.
Existing betting office detracts from the amenity of the area.
Existing off-licence contributes to anti-social behaviour.

1 Acorn Parade, Meeting House Lane
- Objects to the proposal.
- Existing betting office attracts anti-social behaviour.
- Proposal would not support the local shopping area.

53 Meeting House Lane
- Objects to the proposal.
- Existing betting office attracts anti-social behaviour.
- Existing use causes traffic and car-parking difficulties.
- Proposal would detract from the amenity of the area.

Since the last deferral, the following additional consultations have been undertaken:

Peckham Area Housing Office - Area Programme Manager: Objects to the expansion of the existing use as it would result in an increase in anti-social behaviour. Have commented that activities associated with the existing operation include intimidation of residents, substance abuse and a recent stabbing. The Office has converted the former shops to the rear to residential units and residents have complained about customers of the premises.

Metropolitan Police - Peckham Safer Neighbourhoods Section: Objects. Has cited the following problems associated with the existing premises: prostitution, possession and consumption of drugs and alcohol, inappropriate behaviour of customers and the potential for the creation of a target for robberies. No comments made by the Metropolitan Police Designing Out Crime Advisor.

40b Ethnard Street - Objects on the grounds that the proposal would exacerbate existing anti-social behaviour. In particular, the Council should consult with the Police (note, this objection was received before the Police were consulted, as detailed above). The proposal would result in a breach of the Human Rights Act.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The previous occupation of No. 4 appears to have ceased within the last 6 months, which has been confirmed by the Agent. The use of No's 5 and 6 as a betting office appears to have been carried out since the late 1980's.

The existing vacancy rate of retail spaces within the immediate area suggests that new retail uses are not being established locally. To the east of the site, four shop fronts appear to have been converted into residential premises. To the west of the site, two or three shopfronts are boarded up and their uses cannot be distinguished. Therefore an alternate use may be more appropriate than the possibility of a long-term vacancy.

Peckham High Street may be a preferred retail location and would appear to have a
stronger market position, and is located within 600 metres of Acorn Parade. A notice on the premises indicates that the pharmacy is moving to 151 Peckham High Street, where an existing pharmacy is located (being less than 500 metres away, to the south west). This availability is integral to satisfying Policy 1.11 of the emerging UDP.

23 The reduction in shopping provision is not considered to impair the retail service provided to local residents, and the proposed use is appropriate to a shopping frontage (being an A2 use). The proposed use would not cause any greater loss of amenity than that which may exist within this area. Any anti-social behaviour should be addressed by the management of the premises.

24 It is not considered that the use would result in any traffic problems within the area, especially as it only seeks to improve the facilities of an existing betting office, rather than create a new outlet which might attract additional customers. The proposal is therefore considered to satisfy Policy S.1.4 of the adopted UDP.

25 Since last deferral, a number of objections have been received citing anti-social behaviour, and this is clearly of concern in the locality. However, this application proposes an extension to an existing use, rather than the establishment of a new use, and therefore the assessment of the impact of the proposed use should focus on this. It is officers' view that the expansion of an existing operation, albeit that this may be linked to some local antisocial behaviour, is unlikely to cause a significant change to its external impacts, and it is on this basis that the application is, on balance, recommended. Many of the issues raised regarding inappropriate behaviour of visitors to the premises cannot be dealt with through the planning process and it is not clear that these problems would be made very much worse by allowing the betting office to enlarge.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

26 The new shopfronts include level access to assist people with disabilities and mobility difficulties to enter the premises.

**LOCAL AGENDA 21 [Sustainable Development] IMPLICATIONS**

27 The proposal would result in the loss of a small retail space however does not compromise the viability of the provision of local retail services.

LEAD OFFICER
Anne Lippitt
Interim Development and Building Control Manager

REPORT AUTHOR
Nic Drent
Planning Officer [tel. 020 7525 0502]

CASE FILE
TP/2445-A

Papers held at:
Regeneration Department, Council Offices, Chiltern, Portland Street
SE17 2ES [tel. 020 7525 5402]
RECOMMENDATION

This document shows the case officer's recommended decision for the application referred to below. This document is not a decision notice for this application.

Applicant: William Hill Organization Ltd
Reg. Number: 05-AP-0396
Application Type: Full Planning Permission
Recommendation: Grant
Case Number: TP/2445-A

Draft of Decision Notice

Planning Permission was GRANTED for the following development:
Change of use of Unit 4 from a pharmacy (A1 Use Class) to a betting office (A2 Use Class) in conjunction with existing betting office at Units 5 & 6 Acorn Parade, and installation of new shop fronts.

At: 4, 5 & 6 Acorn Parade, Meeting House Lane SE15

In accordance with application received on 03/03/2005

and Applicant's Drawing Nos. LE/509056/01, FINAL/LS/EXT/509056/03B

Subject to the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the end of five years from the date of this permission.
   Reason
   As required by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The materials to be used in the implementation of this permission shall not be otherwise than as described and specified in the application and on the drawings hereby approved unless the prior written consent of the local planning authority has been obtained for any proposed change or variation.
   Reason:
   To ensure the use of appropriate materials in the interest of the design and appearance of the building and the visual amenity of the area in accordance with Policy E.2.3 'Aesthetic Control' of the Southwark Unitary Development Plan 1995 and Policies 3.11 'Quality in Design' and 3.13 'Urban Design' of the Revised Deposit UDP, The Southwark Plan, February 2005.

Reasons for granting planning permission:

This planning application was considered with regard to various policies including, but not exclusively:

a) Policies E.2.3 - 'Aesthetic Control', E.3.1 - 'Protection of Amenity', S.1.4 - Shops Outside Primary and Secondary Shopping Frontages' of the Southwark Unitary Development Plan 1995


Particular regard was had to the loss of a small local retail space that would result from the proposed development but it was considered that this would be outweighed by an alternate commercial use that would follow from the proposed development. It was therefore considered appropriate to grant planning permission having regard to the policies considered and other material planning considerations.
**Informative**

You are reminded that Advertisement Consent under the Control of Advertisement Regulations will be required for the display of the advertisements shown on the approved drawings.
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