



WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - Planning -

MINUTES of the Walworth Community Council held on Wednesday 23 November 2011 at 7.00 pm at InSpire at St Peter's, Liverpool Grove, London, SE17 2HH

PRESENT: Councillor Martin Seaton (Chair)
Councillor Darren Merrill (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Patrick Diamond
Councillor Helen Morrissey

OFFICER SUPPORT: Norman Brockie (Team Leader, Design and Conservation)
Sadia Hussain (Lawyer, Planning)
Vikki Lewis (Senior Planning Officer)
Dennis Sangweme (Group Manager, Planning Enforcement)
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Catherine Bowman, Dan Garfield, and Lorraine Lauder (due to mayoral duties).

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members declared interests regarding the following agenda items:

6.1 55 Cobourg Road, London SE5 0HU

Councillor Darren Merrill, personal and non-prejudicial, in relation to planning application number 11-AP-1738, as he was going to speak in his capacity as a ward councillor.

6.2 55 Cobourg Road, London SE5 0HU

Councillor Darren Merrill, personal and non-prejudicial, in relation to planning application number 11-AP-1743, as he was going to speak in his capacity as a ward councillor.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2011 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting, and signed by the chair.

Agreement of the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2011 was deferred to the next meeting.

6. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ITEMS

NOTE: Items 6.1 and 6.2 were heard together, as they relate to the same address, but separate resolutions were taken.

6.1 55 COBOURG ROAD, LONDON SE5 0HU

At this point, Councillor Darren Merrill sat with the audience.

Planning application reference number: 11-AP-1738

PROPOSAL:

Erection of a 4 storey side extension and provision of hard landscaping and new boundary wall and railings to front of dwelling (Use Class C3).

The design and conservation officer introduced the report. Councillors asked questions of the design and conservation officer.

There were no objectors present who wished to speak.

The applicant spoke in support of the application. Councillors asked questions of the applicant.

A supporter of the application who lived within 100 metres of the site spoke in support of the application. Councillors did not ask questions of the supporter.

Councillor Darren Merrill spoke in his capacity as a ward councillor. Councillors asked questions of Councillor Merrill.

At this point Councillor Darren Merrill left the meeting room.

Members discussed the application.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission for application 11-AP-1738 be refused, as set out in the officer's report.

6.2 55 COBOURG ROAD, LONDON SE5 0HU

At this point Councillor Darren Merrill sat with the audience.

Planning application reference number: 11-AP-1743

PROPOSAL:

Erection of a 4-storey side extension, insertion of new internal doors at basement, ground, first and second floor levels to access new extension, provision of landscaping and new boundary wall and railings to front of dwelling, and refurbishment of rear courtyard and external toilet (Use Class C3).

The design and conservation officer introduced the report. Councillors asked questions of the design and conservation officer.

There were no objectors present who wished to speak.

The applicant spoke in support of the application. Councillors asked questions of the applicant.

A supporter of the application who lived within 100 metres of the site spoke in support of the application. Councillors did not ask questions of the supporter.

Councillor Darren Merrill spoke in his capacity as a ward councillor. Councillors asked questions of Councillor Merrill.

At this point Councillor Darren Merrill left the meeting room.

Members discussed the application.

RESOLVED:

That listed building consent for application 11-AP-1743 be refused, as set out in the officer's report.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION AND PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PERFORMANCE FOR PERIOD 01/04/2011 TO 31/08/2011

At this point, the chair adjourned the meeting for a three-minute comfort break, after which Councillor Darren Merrill rejoined the meeting.

Dennis Sangweme, Group Manager - Planning Enforcement, introduced the report and asked for councillors to feedback on the format and content of the report.

Responding to questions from councillors, Dennis explained that the relatively high number of outstanding enforcement cases was due to staff shortages, and that if garages were converted into self-contained dwellings without planning permission, enforcement action could be taken.

Members fed back that:

- They were happy with the format of the report
- They would like feedback on which steps officers were taking to ensure that planning applications are heard by the community council before their expiry date
- They would like officers to take steps to reduce the number outstanding planning enforcement cases
- That the report should include comparative figures from previous quarters

ACTION: Dennis Sangweme to feed back which steps officers were taking to ensure that planning applications are heard by the community council before their expiry date.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: