

Town Planning & Environmental Management Committee - 20 May 2020

Planning Applications - Delegated Decisions

These decisions will not be made through the normal committee meeting process but instead are delegated to the Deputy Clerk. Members of the public are invited to submit their comments by email to deputyclerk@newport-pagnell.org.uk by 12pm on Wednesday 20 May.

Item 1 Planning Applications

Meeting Date	Planning Appl'n	Details	Address	Grounds for objection	Decision on 20/05/20
20/05/2020	20/01077/TPO	Removal of diseased Ash Tree (T1) in Group TPO PS/540/15/218	31 Newbolt Close	None	No objections
20/05/2020	20/01140/LBC	Listed Building Consent for one internally illuminated fascia sign and one internally illuminated menu board (retrospective)	28 St John Street	None	No objections
20/05/2020	20/01152/FUL	Single storey rear and side extensions (resubmission of 20/00645/FUL)	13 Tickford Street	None	No objections

1.1 Additional comments

20/01140/LBC Cllr Clarke objected to this application suggesting that the application should be for three signs not two. He added that the signage on the front of the listed building is excessive and out of keeping with a listed building and that the fixings could damage the facade of the building. The name of the restaurant is already very visible from the high level sign protruding from the building without these additional signs over the doorway. The Menu sign could be located inside the building and not on the outside fascia. Cllr Lombardo also objected on the same grounds.

Item 2 Planning Decisions

The Committee received and noted the Deputy Clerk's updated schedule of planning decisions comparing TPPEM's representations against MKC decisions. Cllr Pearson wanted to know why, when NPTC objects to an application that is subsequently given permission, there are no reasons given by MKC, whereas NPTC gives clear reasoning.

Item 3 Vision and Objectives

The Committee members put forward their suggestions for new objectives for 2020/21 and it was agreed that the following six objectives would be adopted for 2020/21:

- 1) To maintain an overview of public transport issues that impact on Newport Pagnell residents and to aim to resolve such issues within a 30-day period

- 2) To maintain an overview of highways issues that impact on Newport Pagnell residents and to aim to resolve such issues within a 30-day period
- 3) To maintain an overview of environmental issues that impact on Newport Pagnell residents and to aim to resolve such issues within a 30-day period
- 4) To progress with Version 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan, to undertake pre-submission consultation in September 2020 with a view to submitting before December 2020.
- 5) To arrange specific training in S106 and CIL matters to understand how developer contributions are used to fund the infrastructure needed to support new development in the town
- 6) To oversee the services provided by the Town Ranger and to regularly review the effectiveness of his role subject to budgetary constraints

Item 4 Public Transport matters

The Committee noted that the ongoing issues with the Tickford Arcade and Market Hill bus stops, and all other Public Transport-related issues have been put on hold indefinitely. Cllr Clarke suggested this is reviewed in say 6 months time when things may be back to normal post-Coronavirus

Item 5 Highways matters

- 5.1 The Committee noted that the re-lining of the parking bays to the Queens Avenue long stay car park has now been completed and expressed satisfaction with the layout and finish.
- 5.2 The Committee noted that MKC Highways recently completed a survey of the drainage in the Queens Avenue long stay car park and that details of the proposed remedial works are awaited.
- 5.3 The Committee noted that the Tickford Street road safety issues, purchase of a SID and all remaining ongoing highways-related issues have been put on hold indefinitely. Cllr Clarke suggested this is reviewed in say 6 months time when things may be back to normal post-Coronavirus

Item 6 Environmental matters

- 6.1 The Committee noted that the Town Council's efforts to persuade Highways England to install noise barriers around the MSA are continuing with the support of the local MP. Cllr Winsor has queried the noise readings where the motorway is in close proximity to residential areas, and also whether future noise readings will be taken to monitor the effectiveness of the barriers
- 6.2 The Committee noted that, following a complaint from a local resident, Cllr Winsor has written to Highways England regarding the noise from the newly surfaced motorway lanes. Cllr Clarke referred to HE's statement that only lanes 1 and 8 were to be low noise asphalt, recalling that at an earlier meeting HE had advised that initially only these two lanes, which were previously the hard shoulder, would be resurfaced with low noise asphalt. The six remaining lanes would also be resurfaced with low noise asphalt at a later date, when "maintenance issues" required the lanes to be resurfaced. This he added was not part of the Smart motorway contract, but would be the responsibility of HE to fund and decide the timing of this work. HE have since confirmed that it has always been the intention of the scheme to resurface lanes one and four of both carriageways with low-noise surfacing. The existing surfacing of the other two lanes is currently made up of a mixture of low-noise surfacing and hot rolled asphalt between junctions 13 and 16. The surfacing across these two lanes is still within its lifespan, therefore, does not fall within the scope of works for the scheme.
- 6.3 The Committee noted that Cllr Winsor had received a detailed response from Highways England to his concerns about the adverse environment impact caused by the smart motorway piling operations and the works to the embankment. There will be a follow up meeting with HE once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

Item 7 Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan (NPNP)

The Committee received and approved the notes of the NPIG virtual meeting on 30/04/20

Item 8 Budget Reports

The Committee received and noted the TPBM budget report for Month 12 (2019/20) post year-end adjustments