# Central Milton Keynes Town Council Planning Committee Meeting

# held at Centrecom Meeting Place

# On 17 August 2021

**Present:**
Andrew Thomas (Chair)
Philip Murphy
David Stabler
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:**
Thomas Walker

**Absent:**
Amir Chahardehi

**In attendance:** None

**P21/016 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from Thomas Walker, who is quarantined.

**P21/017 – Declarations of Interest**

None

**P21/018 - Ratification of Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22 June 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee meeting on 22nd June 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**P21/019– Ratification of Chair's Actions re: minor applications**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted, and the following applications decisions ratified.

21/0168/FUL Installation of metal ventilation louvre Solstice House
Support
21/01291/FUL Extension of car parking Campbell Park Pavilion
Object
21/01699/PANB1C Change of use, GF Medina House
Object
21/01704/ADV Replacement totem sign at M&S car park
Support
21/02128/ADV Advertising consent Brown's Brasserie
Support
21/02154/PANOTH Replacement 6 antennae Station Square North office building
Neutral

**P21/020- Recent Minor Planning Applications**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

21/02233/ADV Advert consent, 549 Midsummer Boulevard
Support
21/02151/ADV Advert consent, The Place
Support
21/02145/ADV Advert consent, 12 The Place
Support
21/02189/FUL Additional storey, Platinum House
Object to cladding material selected

It was agreed that the Clerk should include a map of CMK with the minor applications identified on it at each meeting.

**P21/021 Honorarium**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The continuation of the current honorarium arrangements for 18 months was agreed. Further ratification of this to be sought early in 2023.

**P21/022- Planning application 21/01980/FUL- Refurbishment and Upgrade of Genesis House**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the design aspects of the application were acceptable. However, an objection should be raised to the proposed removal of the porte cochere.

Additionally, it was felt that the impact of the additional floors could be offset by additional EV charging points. It was agreed that a request should be made under the Milton Keynes Parking Standards section 7.8 for two additional EV charging ports to be installed in the vicinity of the building.

**P21/023- Planning application 21/02246/FULEIS- Saxon Court**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the scheme, as informed by the paper from Thomas Walker.

One councillor expressed the view that the development as now proposed was inappropriate for CMK. He considered that the Saxon Court office building was not of sufficient merit to be retained. Were it to be demolished, he felt that it would provide the opportunity for a more sympathetic housing-led development to be achieved utilising the whole of the site.

The following further points were made by councillors

- Residents may have concerns about the height
- Increase in height from previous iterations without additional consultation was a concern
- There are no planning policy grounds that specifically deem buildings above a certain height to be unacceptable
- Parking:-
    - Policy CT10, in line with NPPF, requires the assessment of impact of parking requirements within the immediate location of the proposed development including the impact on the local community
    - Records show that this parking wasn't used by shoppers- too far from the shops
    - The only regular users of the parking appear to be office workers
    - Residents need protection of their parking spaces- permits should be available for existing residents/workers only
    - Residents of the proposed development would have access to R1 parking permits, which would be detrimental to the existing residents parking scheme in South 8th and 10th Streets and South Row. The existing residents parking scheme would need to be modified to make it exclusive to use by the residents of the houses for whom it was specifically provided.

- First Base states in its application that it is estimated that 55% of its residents will own cars. This equates to 158 car parking spaces being required to accommodate residents of the block

After some discussion it was agreed that the Town Council would not seek to specifically object to the scheme as such, but would express its concerns of the scheme now evolved, requiring the following elements to be particularly addressed:-

1. Community facilities to be provided
2. Enhanced links and play areas within the green frame in the vicinity.
3. Parking protection to be provided for existing residents to ensure that their current parking capability is protected

**It was agreed that the Chair works with Thomas Walker to draft an initial response to the application for further consideration by members of the Planning Committee.**

**P21/024- Planning application 21/01291/FUL- Further objection**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The draft response to the Smith Jenkins rebuttal of the Town Council's initial objection to the application was approved.

**P21/025 - Items for Next Agenda:**

None

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

**The next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 6.10pm at Centrecom Meeting Place.**

**Chair's Signature…… Date……**