Agenda Item P24/003

Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Planning Committee Meeting
held at Margaret Powell House
On 12th December 2023

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: Jon Muncaster

P23/061 – Apologies

None.

P23/062 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Stabler declared an interest in agenda item P23/067 as Chair of the Milton Keynes Public Arts Trust.

P23/063 - Ratification of Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th November 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee meeting on 14th November 2023 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

P23/064- Planning Update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Clerk noted that the City Council's decision to refuse the Jaipur planning application was made under Delegated Decision after the issue of the paper.

P23/065- Chair's Actions

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The following planning application decisions were ratified:-

23/02316/FUL- External alterations to Lloyds Court- OBJECT

23/02458/COU- Change of use, Café Rouge- SUPPORT

P23/066 – Minor applications

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The response to the applications was agreed as follows:-

23/02590/FUL- Installation of access hatch, Nando's Chickenland- SUPPORT, with note requesting confirmation of central placement of the hatch.

23/02204/FUL-Change of use, Up & Running/Carphone Warehouse- SUPPORT

23/02694/LBC- Replacement of travertine flooring, Centre:MK- SUPPORT, with note welcoming the exhaustive work to assess and match product detail.

23/02674/ADV- Advert consent, Santander- SUPPORT

23/02302/ADV- Nationwide Building Society- SUPPORT

P23/067- Planning application 23/02561/FUL- Hard & Soft Landscaping, Xscape

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The following points were made:-

- The Chair observed that the land in question is privately owned by Xscape and not public highway, which had been assumed when the original application was considered.
- It was agreed that the objections lodged when the application was first submitted, in 2022, had been addressed by submissions within the new planning application.
- Concerns remained that mature trees were to be removed, albeit twice as many mature and middle-year trees were to be planted in their stead.
- The proposals were not felt to add anything to the space.
- The sculpture within the area does not appear to be removed as part of the submitted plans.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Town Council would be NEUTRAL in respect of the application, but with the following comments being made:-

- The sculpture located within the red line should remain in its current location.
- There should be no overall loss of landscaping within the area.

P23/068- Planning applications 23/02631/NMA & 23/02610/NMA, Campbell Wharf North

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillors noted the NMA applications seeking insignificant amendments to the Campbell Wharf North planning consent reference 17/00850/REM, upon which initial building works have been undertaken on the northern side of the development.

The small amendments referenced within the two applications were not felt to be significant. It was agreed to SUPPORT both applications.

P23/069- Planning application additional submissions:-

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

i) 23/02316/FUL, Lloyds Court
ii) 23/02264/FUL, The Point

P23/070- Change of Venue

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

P23/071- Briefing on the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

P23/072 - Items for Next Agenda

A report was requested on the progress on the Saxon Court development.

A request was made for sight of the MKCC Planning Committee's minutes from the meeting at which the Bank House application was refused.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

The next scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 6.10pm at Centrecom Meeting Place

Chair's Signature…… Date……