

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
15th FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT – Councillors; Dave Smith (in the Chair), Ali, Brookfield, Casey, Hardman, Hussain I, Jan-Virmani, Khan Z, Khonat S, Mahmood Q (substitute for Cllr Groves) Murray, Nuttall, Oates, Riley, Slater Ja.

OFFICERS – Gavin Prescott (Development Manager), (Safina Alam (Highways Development Control Engineer), Rabir Saghir (Legal) and Wendy Bridson (Democratic Services).

RESOLUTIONS

48 **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Groves.

49 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 18th January 2018**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th January 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

50 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mahmood declared an interest in Item 4.1 – Planning Application 10/16/0827 (Time House), having submitted a Members Referral for the application therefore pre-judgement having been made.

Ian Richardson declared an interest relating to Planning Application 10/17/1378 (Land at Tower Road), being Director of Growth & Development and Regional Director at Capita.

51 **Planning Applications**

The Committee considered reports of the Director of Growth and Development detailing the planning applications listed overleaf.

In considering the applications, the Committee took into account representations or submissions provided by individuals with the officers answering points raised during discussion thereon.

RESOLVED – (1) That the following decisions be made on the applications set out overleaf:

<u>Applicati on No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location and Description</u>	<u>Decision under Town and Country Planning Acts and</u>
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			<u>Regulations</u>
At this point Councillor Quesir Mahmood left the room due to the declaration of interest made in relation to 10-16-0827			
10-16-0827	Elliot Investments Ltd	Time House, 15 Devonport Road, Blackburn, BB2 1EG Full Planning Application for Conversion of existing building to 18 No. residential apartments (C3)	Approved subject to the conditions outlined in the Director's Report.
At this point Councillor Quesir Mahmood was invited to re-join the Committee			
10-17-1313	Mrs Cheryl Wood, McDermot Developments Ltd	Land to the West of Cranberry Lane, Darwen Full Planning Application for; Residential development comprising 138 no. dwellings, landscaping, drainage, associated highway works, substation, infrastructure and engineering works and demolition of existing house. Cllr Neil Slater spoke against the application.	Approved subject to the conditions outlined in the Director's Report and Update Report with a further additional condition that prior to commencement of development, slab levels and cross section drawings shall be provided relating to the plots adjacent to the existing dwellings on Cranberry Lane and Martin Drive and agreed in writing by the LPA. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details and retained thereafter.
10-17-1378	Capita	Land at Tower Road, Blackburn, BB2 5LE Outline planning application with all matters reserved for residential development (up to 30 dwellings); demolition of existing buildings and associated works including bat mitigation measures.	Approved subject to the conditions outlined in the Director's Report and Update Report.

52 Letter to Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding fees relating to retrospective planning applications

A report was submitted seeking approval from the Members for a letter to be sent to the Secretary of State requesting a review be undertaken regarding the introduction of allowing local planning authorities to impose additional fees on retrospective planning applications.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:-

- 1) Note and approve the content of the letter;
- 2) Agree for the letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government with immediate effect; and

3) Agree for the letter to be sent to both local MPs

53 Stopping Up of Part of Fishmoor Drive, Blackburn and Surrounding Paths and Streets

A report was submitted informing Members of the receipt of a request by the Highways Team for the Council to progress an Order for the Stopping Up of parts of Fishmoor Drive, Blackburn and path and roads off and to ask Members to authorise the Director of HR Legal and Corporate Services to apply to the Magistrates' Court for the necessary Order as per the plan attached to the report.

RESOLVED – That the Committee authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Corporate Services to progress with the closure of parts of the streets listed in the report and if the Department believes there is a good chance that the application will be successful, to apply to the Magistrates' Court for the necessary Order.

54 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in view of the fact that the business to be transacted is exempt by virtue of paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

55 Enforcement Update

A report was presented to Members with an overview on Planning Enforcement matters. The list of cases included in the report was in the main, a list of cases where formal enforcement action was being taken and was not a list of every case, complaint or enquiry being dealt with.

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the report.

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed