

WEST DEVON DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE



West Devon
Borough
Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **West Devon Development Management and Licensing Committee** held on **Tuesday, 4th June, 2019** at **10.00 am** at the **Chamber - Kilworthy Park**

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Yelland
Vice Chairman Cllr Pearce

Cllr Cheadle
Cllr Hipsey
Cllr Moyse

Cllr Crozier
Cllr Mott
Cllr Ratcliffe

In attendance:

Councillors:
Cllr Ewings
Cllr Jory
Cllr Southcott

Cllr Heyworth
Cllr Leech

Officers:
Head of Practice – Development Management
Planning Specialist
Head Of Practice – Environmental Health
Legal Advisor
Specialist – Democratic Services

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
***DM&L 01**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Renders and P Vachon.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
***DM&L 02**
Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered and the following were made:

Cllr T G Pearce declared a personal interest in all applications by virtue of being a Member of the Devon Building Control Partnership. He

remained in the meeting and took part in the debate and vote on the item.

The Solicitor granted a dispensation to enable all Members to take part in the debate and vote on application **0924/19/ADV**: Advertisement consent for 'Meadowlands Leisure Centre' centre name signs x 2 – front and back of building. Directional sign to main entrance from rear of site – Meadowlands Leisure pool, The Wharf, Tavistock, as the Council had a leasehold interest in the application.

3. **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

***DM&L 03**

The Chairman advised that there was one item of urgent business that was exempt, and would be taken at the end of the meeting.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

***DM&L 04**

The Minutes of the Development Management and Licensing Committee Meeting held on 23 April 2019, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. **Planning Applications**

***DM&L 05**

The Committee proceeded to consider the applications that had been prepared by the Development Management Specialists and considered also the comments of the Town and Parish Councils together with other representations received, which were listed within the presented agenda report and summarised below, and **RESOLVED** that:

(a) Application No: 0257/19/VAR Ward: Mary Tavy

Site Address: West Liddaton Farm, Liddaton, Coryton

Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 3842/17/FUL (Part retrospective)

Case Officer Update: No further update

Speakers included: Supporter – Mr Peter Rowan; and local Ward Member – Cllr Pearce (reserved his speech for debate)

RECOMMENDATION: Conditional Approval

During discussion, and having been on a site visit, Members raised concerns over a number of the changes, but particularly were concerned at the appearance and position of the door on the southern elevation. If the application were to be approved, Members required a condition that would change the door to one of solid appearance. Concerns were also raised over the industrialisation of the building, but Members were advised that the future use of the building was not a reason for refusal of the

application, although it might be a matter for investigation at a later date. Other Members with experience of bee keeping were surprised at the need for an air conditioning unit, and were disappointed that the need had not been taken into account as part of the recent original application.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Refusal

Reasons:

The insertion of an external doorway in the loft space of the southern elevation does not respect the character and appearance of the building and would cause visual harm to the area, contrary to Policy DEV20 of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2014-2034.

(b) Application No: 0924/19/ADV Ward: Tavistock North

Site Address: Meadowlands Leisure Pool, The Wharf, Tavistock

Advertisement consent for 'Meadowlands Leisure Centre' centre name signs x 2 – front and back of building. Directional sign to main entrance from rear of site

Case Officer Update: None

RECOMMENDATION: Conditional Approval

COMMITTEE DECISION: Conditional Approval

Conditions:

1. Accord with plans
2. Standard advert condition – permission of site owner required
3. Standard advert condition – security
4. Standard advert condition – maintenance
5. Standard advert condition – public safety
6. Standard advert condition – tidy site after removal
7. Illuminated signage only lit when leisure centre is open

6. **Planning Appeals Update**

***DM&L 06**

The Committee received and noted the updated list of Planning Appeals, including Enforcement Appeals.

7. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

***DM&L 07**

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of

business as the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act is involved.

8. **Urgent Business**

***DM&L 08**

As set out by the Chairman at Item 3, there was one item of urgent business to be raised, to update the Committee on a decision that had been taken using urgent powers, in respect of the revocation of a taxi driver licence. The Head of Practice Environmental Health presented a statement to Members, and responded to questions of clarity.

The Meeting concluded at 11.15 am

Signed by:

Chairman
