



**West/Central Area Committee
(City Councillors representing
Castle, Market and Newnham
Wards)**

**16 October 2003 7:30 –10.27pm
Minutes & Actions**

Present: Councillors: David Howarth (Castle and Chair), David White (Castle), Mike Dixon, Colin Rosenstiel and Joye Rosenstiel (Market), Sian Reid, Malcolm Schofield and Julie Smith (Newnham)

Also Present: County Councillor Anthony Bowen (Market)

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**Action by
(see
action
sheet
attached
also)**

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03/01 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Joye Rosenstiel was elected Vice Chair (unanimously).

03/02 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Hipkin and County Councillors Sal Brinton (Castle) and Alexander Reid (Newnham).

03/03 OPEN FORUM

The following were raised by members of the public present:

- a) Why is the request for double yellow lines on Barton Road at entry to Archway Court constantly turned down?

Following the meeting, a visit on site was arranged on the 5th

November for the Ward Councillors with the officer. A double yellow line proposal for Archway Court was then drawn up for consultation with local residents. Should this be agreed, the necessary formal advertisement will be put in the local press.

Graham
Lowe
01223-
457391

b) Access improvement on the pavement at the junction of Eltisley Avenue and Marlowe Road.

Andy
Thompson
01223
457131

c) Removal of shrubs on Salmon Lane due to serious concerns re health and safety of children playing there because of discarded drug takers' needles.

Mr Lee asked that his concerns for the health and safety of his young children be minuted.

An update on progress will be available at the meeting.

d) Problem of wheelie bins left on pavements – stickers on them do no good.

Janet
Wilson
01223-
458297

The "Think Access" sticker was designed in collaboration with a disabled member of the public, local councillor and City Rangers. We are monitoring the level of impact this is having. In some areas this has been very successful. In areas where the offence is persisting, the newly appointed Enforcement Officer (Streets and Open Spaces) will be taking action under appropriate legislation to reduce the problem. The Enforcement Officer has been asked to address the problems in this area as soon as possible.

e) What is the current policy on contracting out planning applications?

John
Summers
01223-
457103

The question was answered at the meeting.

f) Re-direction of the pitch lights at the Shelford Road Rugby Club.

Cllr
Schofield

g) Traffic calming scheme for the "triangle".

This question had been emailed before the meeting and the questioner encouraged to seek representation via councillors at the Area Joint Committee on Monday 20 October.

At the meeting of the Area Joint Committee, the decision was taken not to proceed with the proposals.

03/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Schofield declared a personal interest in items 03/05B

and 03/05C as the applicants were his solicitors and his children had attended ACE Nursery (objectors to the application) in the past; and in item 03/06 in relation to the junction of Marlowe Road/ Eltisley Avenue as he lived opposite the junction.

03/05 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

A Application No: C/03/0911

Site: 57 Warkworth Terrace (Market)

Proposal: Change of use from residential to mixed residential (85.2m²) and learner centre (145.6m²) use.

Applicant: Red Balloon Learner Centre

The Planning Officer referred to an amendment sheet which had been sent to the Committee on 15/10 and circulated at the meeting. In relation to paragraph 8.21, additional comments had been received from the Environmental Health Officer explaining why it was not appropriate to impose a condition to control the noise level at the boundary:

Ruth Lucy
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(planning)

1. Rhadegund House is essentially detached whilst Warkworth Terrace is sandwiched between and adjoins other properties. A boundary condition is useful in safeguarding the amenities of the locality and neighbouring properties from airborne noise only whilst an insulation scheme condition is better in safeguarding the amenity of the occupiers of adjoining residential properties from both airborne and structural noise.

There are essentially two totally different acoustic scenarios.

2. There is also the issue of how enforceable and precise the boundary condition would be in Warkworth Terrace. A boundary condition would need to be set at the premises boundary in a location that is readily accessible to allow compliance monitoring (it needs to be enforceable). Depending on the boundary distance any noise passing through to adjoining into an adjoining property which is closer would be potentially louder. I do not think it is appropriate to set a boundary level on a party wall. It cannot be measured or monitored for compliance.

3. In any case, when we have set boundary levels there is also the problem of varying background noise levels. We have encountered situations in the City where a boundary level set, based on background noise levels is not enforceable due to general rises in the ambient noise levels associated with increased development/traffic in the area. The level set is breached even before the noisy activity is undertaken.'

PSR: Mr Elderfield (resident), Ms Herbert (applicant)

Approved: (by 6 votes to 0) as recommended.

B **Application No:** C/03/0563/FP
Site: 38-40 Parkside (Market)
Proposal: Erection of three storey extension for offices with basement storage, re-ordering of car park and rear staff access.
Applicant: Peterhouse

C **Application No:** C/03/0564/LB
Site: 38-40 Parkside (Market)
Proposal: Internal alterations and erection of a 3 storey rear extension to Grade II Listed Building.
Applicant: Peterhouse

Philippa
Eve
(01223-
457148

Applications B and C were considered together. The Planning Officer referred to the amended site plan on the amendment sheet to include numbers 38, 39 and 40 Parkside and to the additional information provided.

There were also two amendments to the Recommendation for application B:

Amend (changes shown in bold) condition 4 to read “The development hereby permitted shall be used solely in conjunction with and ancillary to Barr Ellison Solicitors **or another local user** and shall not be separately used, occupied or let **unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.**”

An additional condition (15): “No development shall commence until three sets of a photographic survey of the existing garage block, including floor plans and elevations, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.”

There was an amendment to the recommendation for application C:

Additional condition (13): “No development shall commence until three sets of a photographic survey of the existing garage block, including floor plans and elevations, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.”

Approved: (by 5 votes to 3) application B with the recommendation amended as above and (by 6 votes to 0) application C with the recommendation amended as above and completion of Section 106 Agreement.

D **Application No:** C/03/0903/FP
Site: 21 Derby Street (Newnham)
Proposal: Two storey and single storey side extension to existing dwelling house.

Sarah Dyer
01223-
457153

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Woodcock

The Planning Officer had nothing to add to the report.

PSR: Mr Woodcock (applicant).

Refused: (by 5 votes to 3) as recommended.

E **Application No:** C/03/0637 Ruth Lucy
Site: Land at **59 Histon Road (Castle)** 01223-
Proposal: Outline application for erection of 2no dwellings. 457475
Applicant: Mr A Townsend

The Planning Officer referred to the amendment sheet which confirmed that the applicant owned the boundary wall which required to be repaired via condition 9 and that he had no objection to the condition.

The Planning Officer also spoke of the principle of development up to the party wall which did not mean permission to attach to the property next door.

PSR: Mr Sadler on behalf of local residents.

Refused: (5 votes to 0).
(against officer recommendation) for reasons to be drafted by the Head of Development Services for approval by the Chair. Reasons to be based on conflict with policies SP12/10, BE2 and BE4.

F **Application No:** C/03/0799/FP Janine
Site: 193 Huntingdon Road (Castle) Barker
Proposal: Erection of 1No 5 bed house following demolition of 01223-
existing building. 457147
Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Hill

The Planning Officer drew attention to the notes on the amendment sheet which stated that the applicant had confirmed that there would be no windows at first floor level in the north west elevation and an amended drawing had been received to clarify this.

Paragraph 8.5 of the report had also been amended to read: "a 3 metre gap to the northwest boundary, retaining the existing hedge and a 4.3 metre gap to the southeast boundary".

PSR: Dr Whittaker
The applicant's representative was present but chose not to speak.

Approved: On the Chair's casting vote, the committee having voted 3 votes to 3, as recommended.

03/06 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Environmental Projects Manager (Andy Thompson) said he had nothing to add to the report except to ask that members of the public help to identify further projects for investigation.

Andy
Thompson
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457131

Two members of the public also mentioned traffic problems in Hertford Street and a dangerous pavement at the junction of Marlowe Road and Eltisley Avenue.

The Committee agreed that the Environmental Projects Manager would contact the County Council about the problems at the junction of Marlowe Road/Eltisley Avenue to explore what scope there was for traffic calming measures.

The Chair reported that there had been a request sent in before the meeting from a member of the public for a seat in Grange Road at the bus stop for the new bus. This would be particularly helpful for older residents.

Councillor C Rosenstiel asked that a bus shelter and seats be provided at the Shuttle stop and Councillor S Reid that an attractive waste bin be provided at Newnham Croft to deal with the rubbish that tended to accumulate there.

The Environmental Projects Manager was asked to add these 3 requests to the list and to explore costs.

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Thompson
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Resolved (unanimously) to support the implementation of the following schemes: Histon Road, Little St Mary's Church, Age Concern, Marlowe Road/Eltisley Avenue, Millington Road/Marlow Road and the additional items above which should be investigated, and where possible implemented, with the proviso that not more than £25,000 be spent.

The Chair pointed out that the financial year ended on the 31 March 2004 and that it was unlikely that much of the work on the Histon Road project could be progressed by then. He also reminded the committee that as of June 2004, that road would be part of the North Area Committee due to the ward boundary changes coming in to force then.

03/07 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREA GRANTS – APPLICATION AND CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS

The Grants Manager asked for feedback on process and priorities.

Councillor J Rosenstiel encouraged local members of the public to apply as the criteria for funding had changed such that money would be available to non-constituted groups.

The Chair said that the mapping disadvantage criteria were important and asked for that information to be made available for the next meeting.

Chris
Freeman
01223
457862

Councillor C Rosenstiel said that the needs of students, particularly graduate students was largely unknown. It was agreed that contact would be made with the graduate union at the University of Cambridge.

Resolved (unanimously) to agree the proposals for 2004-05 area grants as stated in the report.

The meeting ended at 10.27pm.

CHAIR