



## NORTH AREA COMMITTEE



**(City Councillors representing Arbury, King's Hedges, East Chesterton  
and West Chesterton Wards)**

29 June 7.30pm – 9:55pm  
**Minutes & Actions**

### **Councillors Present:**

Arbury: Anthony Hymans, Rhodri James and Tim Ward (Chair)  
King's Hedges: Louise Downham & Elizabeth Hughes  
East Chesterton: Donald Adey, Jenny Bailey & Jennifer Liddle:  
West Chesterton: Max Boyce, Ian Nimmo-Smith & Diane Armstrong;

Also Present : County Councillor Maurice Leeke (West Chesterton)

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### **Action by**

#### **04/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bell (King's Hedges) and County Councillor Huppert (East. Chesterton)

#### **04/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Boyce  
Cllr Hymans

#### **04/26 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2004 were confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **04/27 OPEN FORUM**

Resident 1 – Progress on the Environmental Improvements Programme at Oak Tree Avenue.

Cllr Bailey said that she would pursue this with the officer concerned. Cllr Bailey

Resident 2 – Travellers on Chesterton Recreation Ground

Cllr Bailey said that this issue was already in hand and the Recreation Ground had been cleared and was in the process of being cleaned up.

Resident 3 – Issues surrounding an approved development which appeared to be being built with a change in design, to be using a neighbour's land for access and might be for multiple occupation.

The Principal Development Control Officer gave the general background to the planning process on these issues.

Cllr Nimmo-Smith advised that if residents had concerns of this nature then enquiries should be made with the Council's Planning Enforcement Officer. The resident said that, in this case, an external Building Inspector, at which he had been surprised, had dealt with the application.

Cllr Nimmo-Smith explained that it was now possible to have Inspections carried out by professional agencies outside the Council.

Resident 4 – The Council's housing allocations policy did not deal equitably with fathers where the couple had separated and both individuals applied for accommodation. He felt that fathers should have the same right to accommodation for their children as their mother. He pointed out that the Council was supporting Women's Organisations and not supporting men's organisations.

Cllr James responded and said that the Council's Housing Allocations policy was being reviewed and this point would be taken into account. The Council would be willing to support men's organisations on a similar basis, if a grant application was made.

Cllr Downham pointed out that there were other inconsistencies of approach, which the review should take into account. She would be raising this at the appropriate time.

Cllr James

Resident 5 – Will the Council continue its policy on the Guided Bus Project?

Cllr Bailey said that the Council has made comments and registered its opposition to elements of the scheme. However the Project was in the hands of the County and some form of transport scheme within was necessary.

Resident 6 - What progress has been made on the Verge Parking Byelaw.

Cllr Bailey said that she would pursue this with the officer concerned.

Cllr Bailey

### **Stagecoach - Changes in Citi Timetables**

Phillip Norwell, the representative of Stagecoach gave a short presentation on changes in the Citi bus timetables to be brought in by the company. He invited members of the public present to raise any issues on the changes in the North Area.

Issues raised were:

The lack of public consultation on the changes

The lack of prior publicity and information about the changes to timetables and routes.

The effect of changes on all areas of the City  
The reduction of service for disabled and elderly residents to the South of the city and particularly Addenbrooke's Hospital  
The likely effect on traffic congestion on Union Lane  
The possibility of buying tickets from other outlets, such as local shops  
The need for wheelchair accessible buses on more routes. If buses or routes were inaccessible or not popular Stagecoach would be in a position to withdraw services further.

Phillip Norwell responded to these comments and questions and to other more specific questions on the timetable changes.

The Chair thanked Mr Norwell for his attendance at the meeting.

#### **04/22 IMPROVEMENT WORKS RELATING TO LOCAL SHOPS**

The officers' report set out proposed minor improvements to various Council owned shops or shop parades in the North area. This followed a survey of local residents and the owners of shops in the area. The majority of work involved the improvements in lighting and provision of cycle racks. Some environmental planting and seating was also proposed.

*(Report by  
John  
Cowin,  
Head of  
Property &  
Building  
Services  
01223  
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The reinstatement of seating at Arbury Court was discussed. The seating had been removed following concern over its mis-use, a subsequent informal survey had found that residents were in favour of its return. Members indicated that older residents and disabled people would welcome its return.

**Resolved** that the schemes set out in the report and in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

#### **04/23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE GRANTS 2004/05**

The report by the Grants Manager set out the budget agreed for grant allocation in the four Areas of the city and details of applications to the Committee for consideration. The budget for the first round of applications had been overbid, and the officer recommendation was set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report

*(Report by  
Chris  
Freeman,  
Grants  
Manager,  
01223  
457862)*

**Resolved** that distribution of the available budget for the North Area be as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

## 04/24 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

1

**Site** 45 Chesterton Road

**Proposal** Extension to existing building and change of use from flats to a house in multiple occupation (sui generis student accomodation)

**Application No** C/04/0314/FP

**Applicant** Trinity College, Trinity Street, Cambridge

**Public speakers:** -

**APPROVED** (with no one voting against) subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report.

2

**Site:** 52 George Street

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and first floor extension to above existing garage.

**Application No:** C/04/0188/FP

**Applicant:** Kim Willoughby, 52 George Street

**Public Speakers:** Mrs. Hull (resident) A Miller (applicant)

Members of the Committee did not support the recommendation to approve then planning proposal.

**REFUSED** against officer recommendation, by 7 votes to 2, for the following reason: The proposed rear extension represents an un-neighbourly development that would impact adversely upon the amenity of the neighbouring property at No. 50 George Street by way of an overpowering impact, leading to loss of outlook. The extension would additionally create an undue sense of enclosure to this property. In doing so the proposal also fails to recognise the constraints of the site, or relate well to its surroundings. The application is therefore contrary to policy P1/3 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 and policies BE2 and BE8 of the Cambridge Local Plan (1996) and does not take into account guidance in paragraph 64 of Planning Guidance Note 1 General Policies and Principles (1997) in relation to the yardsticks of fairness and good neighbourliness.

3

**Site:** Alpha Road, r/o 30 Hertford Street

**Proposal:** Erection of one 3 bedroom dwelling.

**Application No:** C/03/0590/FP

**Applicant:** Mr. Nicolas Jago

**APPROVED** by 8 votes to 1 subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report

4

**Site:** 2-4 De Freville Avenue

**Proposal:** Erection of two 2 bed mews houses.

**Application No:** C/04/0296/FP

**Applicant:** Sandy Lane Developments, c/o Paul Harney Associates, 22 Hills Road, Cambridge

**Case Officer:** Jennie Parsons

**APPROVED** by 8 votes to 1 subject to the completion of a S106 agreement, the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report.

The meeting ended at 9.55

**CHAIR**