

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 28 January 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor Oldham (Chair); Councillor Lynch (Deputy Chair);  
Councillors Aziz, I. Choudary, N Choudary, Ford, Golby and Mason

Steven Boyes, Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning;  
Rita Bovey, Development Manager (Acting); David Rowen,  
Development Management Team Leader (Acting); Andy Holden,  
Principal Planning Officer; Ben Clarke, Senior Planning Officer;  
Theresa Boyd, Solicitor; Emma Powley, Democratic Services Officer

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lane, Palethorpe and Flavell.

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:

That Councillor Ford had cited ventilation issues, loss of seating and phase 3 electrics as being his reasons for speaking against the application reference :N/2014/1131. It was further noted that since he had declared a personal and pecuniary interest in the item, he had left the meeting for the duration of the debate and returned once voting had been concluded.

### 3. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

**RESOLVED:** That under the following items, the members of the public listed be granted leave to address the Committee:

#### **N/2013/0338**

Mr Bell  
Mr Peas  
Councillor Hill

#### **N/2013/1035 & N/2013/1063**

Mr Crean QC  
Councillor Larratt  
Councillor Nunn  
Dr Leads  
Mr Boulter  
Mr Brice  
Councillor Eldred

Councillor Hill

**N/2014/1207**

Mr Ansell  
Mrs Stone  
Mr Seamark

**N/2014/1290**

Mr Kilsby  
Councillor Meredith

**N/2014/1291**

County Councillor Hallam  
Mr Moore  
Mr Walston

**N/2014/1293**

Mr Kilsby  
Councillor Meredith

**N/2014/1309**

Mrs Slinn  
Miss Redley  
Councillor Hadland  
Mrs Wootton

**N/2014/1354**

Councillor Nunn

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PREDETERMINATION**

Councillor Oldham declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10a N/2013/1035 & N/2013/1063 as a substitute member of the West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Committee.

Councillor Golby declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10a N/2013/1035 & N/2013/1063 as a member of the West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Committee.

Councillor Ford declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9c N/2014/1338 as Ward Member.

Councillor Larratt declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10a N/2013/1035 & N/2013/1063 as a member of the West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Committee

**5. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED**

None.

**6. LIST OF CURRENT APPEALS AND INQUIRIES**

The Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning submitted a List of Current Appeals and Inquiries. The Development Manager introduced the written report and elaborated thereon. She noted that there were no updates other than the Hearing date for the appeal of application N/2013/1263 had been set for the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**7. OTHER REPORTS**

**(A) N/2013/0338 - RATIFICATION OF REASONS FOR REFUSAL OF OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION - LANDIMORE ROAD AND NEWPORT PAGNELL ROAD, HARDINGSTONE.**

The Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning submitted a report which sought the Planning Committee's ratification of the refusal reasons, detailed in the report, following a Committee resolution to refuse the development proposals on 6th May 2014. It was noted that the application was currently subject of an appeal to be dealt with by Public Inquiry and Queens' Counsel, acting on behalf of the Council had advised that the refusal should be confirmed by the Planning Committee.

The Chair commented that he had exercised his discretion to allow Councillor Hill to address the Committee as he was Ward Councillor for the neighbouring Ward. He further noted that only Members who had considered the application on 6 May 2014 should take part in the ratification of the reasons for refusal and by reason of which Councillor Ford was excluded.

Mr Bell addressed the Committee and commented that he was in support of the recommendation to ratify the refusal.

Mr Peas commented that there was a need for developments in sustainable areas and asked the Committee to ratify the refusal of the SUE.

Councillor Hill stated that he hoped the Committee would ratify the refusal and that it be dealt with expediently.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following **reasons for refusal** be ratified by Members:

- 1) The highway mitigation measures proposed fail to sufficiently demonstrate that this major development would not have a residual cumulative impact on the A45 trunk road and associated junctions such that the cumulative impacts

of the development would not be severe. These adverse highway impacts in turn will lead to a detrimental impact on the highway network adversely affecting all users including occupiers of business premises located in Brackmills Industrial Estate thus acting as an impediment to the operation of the business park and its future sustainable economic growth.

The development would therefore be contrary to the overarching intentions of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2) The site is identified in the Northampton Landscape and Green Infrastructure Study 2009 as being of high-medium landscape and visual sensitivity comprising of a rural landscape which has a stronger visual connection with the surrounding countryside than with Northampton. Furthermore, Policy E7 of the Northampton Local Plan identifies part of the site as an important skyline between Great Houghton and Hardingstone as seen from the Nene Valley. Public Footpath KN6 runs across the site in a south-easterly direction providing amenity access through the rural landscape. The National Planning Policy Framework seeks to ensure that any detrimental effects on the environment, the landscape and recreational opportunities arising from major developments are moderated. The proposed development would have an urbanising effect and be of a scale and density detrimental to the existing rural character of the surrounding area and would result in the loss of land of significant amenity value. In the absence of sufficient information to demonstrate appropriate mitigation for the impact of the development on the landscape, skyline and rural character of the area the proposal is therefore contrary to Policies E1, E7 and H7 of the Northampton Local Plan and the overarching intentions of the National Planning Policy Framework.

## **8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS**

None.

## **9. NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS**

### **(A) N/2014/1182 - INSTALLATION OF FENCE AND GATES TO COVER 4 OF THE ROAD BRIDGE TUNNEL ENTRANCEWAYS (BENEATH ST JAMES ROAD).OPEN SPACE FOOTMEADOW, WEST BRIDGE**

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report of the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The recommendation was for approval subject to the conditions set out in the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report.

### **(B) (B) N/2014/1328 AND N/2014/1329 - CHANGE OF USE TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY ARTS HUB INCLUDING 57 WORKSHOPS, MEETING SPACES AND ASSOCIATED AMENITIES INCLUDING ALTERATIONS AND REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, ERECTION OF**

**THREE/FOUR STOREY BUILDING AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS. LISTED BUILDING WORKS WITHIN DERNGATE CONSERVATION AREA. 34 GUILDHALL ROAD AND LISTED BUILDING APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY ARTS HUB INCLUDING 57 WORKSHOPS, MEETING SPACES AND ASSOCIATED AMENITIES INCLUDING ALTERATIONS AND REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, ERECTION OF THREE/FOUR STOREY BUILDING AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS.34 GUILDHALL ROAD**

The Development Management Team Leader presented the report of the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The Committee's attention was also drawn to the circulated addendum. The recommendation was for the approval, in principle, of the application subject to conditions set out in the report and the addendum.

It was explained that whilst it was listed as one agenda item, there were two separate applications which should be considered in tandem due to the significant linkages between them; however, two separate decisions would need to be made.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That application N/2014/1328 be **APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** subject to:

- a) the application being referred to the Secretary of State;
- b) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning to satisfactorily resolve those matters and objections currently outstanding; and
- c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning to satisfactorily formulate a list of appropriate planning conditions

**RESOLVED:** That application N/2014/1329 be **APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** subject to:

- a) the application being referred to the Secretary of State;
- b) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning to satisfactorily resolve those matters and objections currently outstanding; and
- c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning to satisfactorily formulate a list of appropriate planning conditions

**(C) N/2014-1388 - ERECTION OF A 6M FLAG POLE AND FLAG. DELAPRE PARK, LONDON ROAD**

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report of the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The recommendation was for the approval of the application subject to the conditions set out in the report.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report.

**(D) N/2014/1389 - ERECTION OF 6M A FLAG POLE AND FLAG. ABINGTON PARK, PARK AVENUE SOUTH**

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report of the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The recommendation was for the approval of the application subject to the conditions set out in the report.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report.

**(E) N/2015/0005 - PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF FORMER BUS STATION. GREYFRIARS BUS STATION, GREYFRIARS**

The Development Management Team Leader presented the report of the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning and elaborated thereon.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the Authority's Prior Approval was not required for the method of demolition and proposed restoration of the site for the following reason:

The demolition and the proposed restoration of the site were considered to be acceptable and would be consistent with the aims and objectives of policies of the Northampton Central Area Action Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

**10. ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**

- (A) N/2013/1035 AND N/2013/1063 - OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE NORTHAMPTON SOUTH SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION TO COMPRISE UP TO 1000 DWELLINGS, A MIXED USE LOCAL CENTRE, A SITE FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING FORMAL AND INFORMAL OPEN SPACE, RECONFIGURATION AND EXTENSION OF COLLINGTREE PARK GOLF COURSE, DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE SITE, NEW VEHICULAR ACCESSES OFF WINDINGBROOK LANE AND ROWTREE ROAD, CAR PARKING, SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (INCLUDING FLOOD RISK BETTERMENT) AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**(INCLUDING HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS) ALL MATTERS RESERVED ACCEPT ACCESS. NORTHAMPTON SOUTH SUE, LAND SOUTH OF ROWTREE ROAD AND WEST OF WINDINGBROOK LANE AND 378 DWELLINGS SERVED BY A NEW ACCESS FROM WINDINGBROOK LANE, AND THE RE-CONFIGURATION OF PART OF THE COLLINGTREE PARK GOLF COURSE INCLUDING A NEW TEMPORARY HOLE 17 AND THE DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE SITE, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING FORMAL AND INFORMAL OPEN SPACE, CAR PARKING, SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (INCLUDING FLOOD RISK BETTERMENT) AND INFRASTRUCTURE (INCLUDING HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS). LAND SOUTH OF ROWTREE ROAD AND WEST OF WINDINGBROOK LANE.**

The Development Manager outlined the report of the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, as set out in the agenda. The Committee's attention was also drawn to the circulated addendum. The recommendation was for the approval in principle, of the applications subject to the conditions set out in the reports and addendum.

Councillor Larratt declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10a N/2013/1035 & N/2013/1063 as a substitute member of the West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Committee.

Councillor Larratt, as the Ward Member addressed the Committee and spoke against the application citing highway issues as a major concern and flooding was also a concern, commenting that the development would serve Milton Keynes and commuters more than Northampton residents.

Councillor Nunn declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest as a member of the West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Committee, Director of Brackmills BID and the Assistant Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. He addressed the Committee as a Parish Councillor for East Hunsbury, and spoke against the application citing the impact the development would have on local amenities and risk of flooding and urged the Committee to refuse the application.

Dr Leads, as a member of Wootton Brook Action Group, spoke against the application and stated that it would be unethical to develop on land in an area where pollution levels were so high and the lack of 5 years housing land supply not a reason for approving the applications.

Mr Boulter, as a member of the Hunsbury and Collingtree Residents Alliance, spoke against the application stating that the impact on health should be considered and questioned whether a school should be built in an area with such high pollution.

Mr Brice, Chairman of Collingtree Parish Council, spoke against the application and asked for the Committee to refuse it on health grounds, partly due to the noise and air pollution levels already being above the legal levels. Flood was a concern and mitigation not sufficient. Traffic modal shift not enough.

Councillor Eldred, as the Ward Councillor, addressed the Committee and spoke against the application and stated that the local amenities would not cope with the

influx of people with local service such as doctor's surgeries and schools being unable to keep up with demands. The golf course would be affected with no driving range and shortening of course.

Councillor Hill, as the Ward Councillor for Nene Valley, spoke against the applications and stated that the Phase 1 development with 378 dwellings would be bigger than Collingtree Village and concerned about school provision, also commented that due weight had to be given to the Council resolution passed on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the least amount of weight on West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Committee who put the interests on Northampton last.

Mr Crean QC addressed the Committee and spoke in favour of the application. He stated that the concerns expressed prior to his address were subjective and that all issues raised had been considered objectively by statutory bodies. The reason why Planning Officer recommended approval was that the matters such as flooding, traffic, air quality have been rationally assessed. He stated that if the applications were refused, the applicants would appeal, the costs of which would be passed on to the Council and ultimately it would be granted on appeal by the Secretary of State.

In response to questions asked by the Committee, Mr Crean QC stated that the application had been supported by statutory bodies. He also commented that the rationale had been assessed and considered and agreed heads of terms for the Section 106 agreement.

In response to a question from a Committee Member regarding the Council's resolution, the Development Manager commented that Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires a planning application to be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise. She also noted that the Development Plan for the purposes of the applications comprises the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and the Northampton Local Plan. The resolution of the Full Council on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 was a material consideration. The applications were supported by up to date technical information and therefore Members needed to consider what appropriate weight should be given in making decisions.

It was explained that whilst there was one agenda item, two applications had been submitted, one of which was the outline application for the Northampton South Sustainable Urban Extension and a full application for 378 dwellings, which needed to be considered together; however, two separate decisions would need to be made.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application N/2013/1035 be **REFUSED** for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed development is contrary to the resolution of Northampton Borough Council on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to confirm an objection to the identification of the site for the development of 1,000 dwellings in Policy N5 (Northampton South SUE) of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.



- (2) The highway mitigation measures proposed fail to demonstrate that this major development would not have a residual cumulative impact on the A45 trunk road and associated junctions including local highway network such that the cumulative impacts of the development would be severe. These adverse highway impacts would lead to a detrimental impact on the wider Northampton highway network thereby adversely affecting the prospects for economic growth and regeneration in Northampton. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy C2 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
- (3) The proposed development would introduce unacceptable impact on residential and general amenity due to the increase in traffic on the local highway network contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy S10 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
- (4) The proposed development site is located within close proximity of the M1 motorway. The noise and air quality mitigation measures proposed fail to demonstrate that a satisfactory residential environment could be created for the future residents of the proposed development detrimental to residential amenity contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies S10 and BN9 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
- (5) Due to the proximity of Village 1 and the historic settlement of Collingtree Village, the proposed development would fail to safeguard the setting of Collingtree Village and Collingtree Village Conservation Area, contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy BN5 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

**RESOLVED:** That the application N/2013/1063 be **REFUSED** for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed development is contrary to the resolution of Northampton Borough Council on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to confirm an objection to the identification of the site for the development of 1,000 dwellings in Policy N5 (Northampton South SUE) of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
- (2) The highway mitigation measures proposed fail to demonstrate that this major development would not have a residual cumulative impact on the A45 trunk road and associated junctions including local highway network such that the cumulative impacts of the development would be severe. These adverse highway impacts would lead to a detrimental impact on the wider Northampton highway network thereby adversely affecting the prospects for economic growth and regeneration in Northampton. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy C2 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

- (3) The proposed development would introduce unacceptable impact on residential and general amenity due to the increase in traffic on the local highway network contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy S10 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
- (4) The proposed development site is located within close proximity of the M1 motorway. The noise and air quality mitigation measures proposed fail to demonstrate that a satisfactory residential environment could be created for the future residents of the proposed development detrimental to residential amenity contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies S10 and BN9 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
- (5) Due to the proximity of Village 1 and the historic settlement of Collingtree Village, the proposed development would fail to safeguard the setting of Collingtree Village and Collingtree Village Conservation Area, contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy BN5 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

**(B) N/2014/1027 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT TWO STOREY DWELLING WITH GARAGE. 41 CHURCH WAY**

The Development Management Team Leader outlined the report that had been submitted by the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. It was noted that this was an item that had been deferred from the Planning meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to allow for a further site visit. The applicant had since submitted a further application which is currently under consideration.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the agenda.

**(C) N/2014/1207 - SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO CAFÉ. PARK CAFÉ, ABINGTON PARK, WELLINGBOROUGH ROAD**

The Development Management Team Leader elaborated on the report submitted by the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The members were informed that further information was included in the addendum. It was noted that the recommendations was for approval subject to the conditions set out in the agenda.

Mr Ansell, declared a discloseable pecuniary interest in the item as the leasehold owner of the application site, the applicant and also a Ward Councillor for Abington. He spoke in favour of the application and noted that he had invested his own money and time into running the successful business which would be improved if planning permission be granted to erect the extension.

Mr Ansell then left the room for the duration of the debate.

Mrs Stone spoke as the County Councillor against the application and cited a number of concerns including the design of the extended building and the removal of a sound tree.

Mr Seamark spoke against the application and commented that in his opinion it is a procedural requirement to consider the setting of Abington Abbey and notify English Heritage, that this was not done, and that strict compliance of this is expected where the planning authority is granting planning permission to itself, and especially on an application made by a Councillor

In response to questions asked by the Committee, the Development Management Team Leader stated that he could not give a definitive number of trees that would be planted as a result of the removal of one, but noted that it would be more than like for like and the applicant would be requested to submit further details.

The committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report. .

**(D) N/2014/1290 - CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLING (C3) TO HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION FOR 7 PEOPLE (SUI GENERIS). 175 GREATMEADOW**

The Senior Planning Officer elaborated on the report that had been submitted by the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The recommendation was for the approval of the application subject to the conditions set out in the report.

Councillor Meredith, spoke against the application due his concerns that there would be a loss of a potential family home and that there would be extra rubbish as a result which would have a detrimental effect on the local area.

Mr Kilbsy, the applicant's agent, spoke in favour of the application and noted that there it would not adversely affect the character of the surrounding area and that only one other property in the area was a HIMO.

In response to questions asked, it was noted that a condition could be added that would allow a larger facility for the secure storage of refuse.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report and a further condition being:

- Notwithstanding the details submitted further details of a larger facility for the secure storage of refuse shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority within one month from the date of this permission. The approved details shall be implemented within two months from the date of this permission and retained thereafter.

**(E) N/2014/1291 - ERECTION OF 35 NEW DWELLINGS COMPRISING 10NO. 1 BED FLATS, 15NO. 2 BED HOUSES AND 10NO. 3 BED HOUSES AND ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROADS. DEVELOPMENT LAND BETWEEN TALAVERA WAY AND BOOTH RISE**

The Senior Planning Officer elaborated on the report that had been submitted by the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. It was explained that the original application had previously been refused Planning Permission by the Committee in June 2014 and an appeal since lodged but the applicant had submitted a revised application. The recommendation was for the approval in principle, subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Agreement to secure the planning obligations set out in the report and the conditions set out in the report. Members were also notified of further information contained in the addendum.

Mr Hallam spoke as the County Councillor, and spoke against the application. He thanked the developers for having discussed the application with him and local residents but raised concerns about the location and the high volume of traffic on the roundabout.

Mr Moore, on behalf of the applicant spoke in favour of the application and noted that the development would be 100% affordable housing and that there would be extensive benefits to the community, from the scheme.

In response to questions asked by the Committee, Mr Moore confirmed that they had appealed against the refusal of the previous application, but this would be withdrawn should the current application be approved and would be happy to work with officers and the highways agencies.

Mr Watson, the agent, spoke in favour of the application and stated that they had worked hard to overcome the reasons for the previous refusal, with a reduction in numbers of units from 38 to 35 and a pro rata reduction in parking spaces.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** subject to the prior completion of a S106 agreement and conditions and matters in the report.

**(F) N/2014/1293 - CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLING (USE CLASS C3) TO HOUSE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (SUI GENERIS) FOR SEVEN PEOPLE. 16 HOPMEADOW COURT**

The Senior Planning Officer elaborated on the report that had been submitted by the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The recommendation was for the approval of the application subject to the conditions set out in the report.

Councillor Meredith spoke against the application.

Mr Kilsby spoke in favour of the application.

The Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report.

**(G) N/2014/1309 - VARIATION OF CONDITION NUMBER 4 OF PLANNING PERMISSION N/2013/0242 TO EXTEND THE OPENING HOURS TO 09:30-17:30 MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 09:00-12:00 ON SATURDAY. 22 WOODHILL ROAD**

The Development Management Team Leader elaborated on the report that had been submitted by the Director of regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The Committee's attention was also drawn to the circulated addendum.

Councillor Hadland spoke on behalf of the Ward Councillor, and expressed concern that extended opening hours would have a detrimental effect on local residents and cited parking issues as a concern.

Mrs Wootton, a neighbour, spoke against the application and commented that parking issues had become more apparent and local amenities had suffered as a result of the original application being granted which would be further exacerbated should the application for extended hours be agreed. In response to questions asked by the Committee, she confirmed that noise was not an issue and that she was aware of customers being at the building outside of the agreed hours.

Mrs Slinn spoke as a customer who used the facilities and spoke in favour of the application. She commented that parking was not an issue and she had never overlapped with another customer. Responding to a question of the Committee it was noted that Mrs Slinn did not live in the area.

Miss Redley, the applicant, spoke in favour of the application and said that she had had the kerb dropped to ensure that there were limited traffic/parking problems and an extension to her hours would allow her to increase her client base.

Members discussed the report

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report.

**(H) N/2014/1354 - CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL (USE CLASS A1) TO ESTATE AGENTS (USE CLASS A2). 3 TUDOR COURT, WOOTTON HOPE DRIVE**

The Senior Planning Officer elaborated on the report that had been submitted by the Director of regeneration, Enterprise and Planning. The Committee's attention was also drawn to the circulated addendum.

Councillor Nunn, as the Ward Councillor, and expressed concern that there would be a loss of local amenities. However, he noted that it would be of a bigger concern should the unit be left vacant.

Committee discussed the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set out in the report.

**11. ENFORCEMENT MATTERS**

None

**12. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

None

The meeting concluded at 9.37pm