

Addendum to Agenda Items Tuesday 29th May 2012

7. OTHER REPORTS

NONE

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

NONE

9. NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

NONE

10. ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM 10A
N/2009/0636

Erection of cultural and recreation centre to include Hindu Temple, Multi-purpose hall, sports facilities, visitor centre and exhibition space, teaching spaces including library, crèche, priest's house and six sheltered flats for over 55's. Externally, access, parking, all weather sports pitch and landscaping, including perimeter security fencing at Lings Way

Two further e-mails have been received in relation to the scheme.

Mr. Heyburn commented as follows:

- The site of new facilities is too small for numbers of planned of visitors/residents
- The road system access and parking facilities is not adequate and will put pressure on adjacent road system.
- The site is adjacent to a protected wood and not enough safe guards have been included to stop damage to root systems and eco systems in general.
- We still do not understand why an old school site, ie Blackthorn remains empty and is costing taxpayers money. Why this site cannot be used and save us money?

Mr Garrett of 1 Crestwood Gardens made the following points:

- The land is publicly open space - there is no need for more mosques or community centres.
- The land would be exclusively used by Muslims and non Muslims would be most unlikely to visit the area.
- There is a possibility that the religious centre could act as a catalyst for radicalisation, potentially producing persons who may go on to be involved in terrorist activity.
- The road network cannot cope with the increase in road traffic.
- Concern that the Muslim faith is being imposed on people and over noise from prayers played through loud speakers in the mornings.

Officer Comments:

Issues relating to traffic, loss of open space, ecology and impact on trees are addressed fully within the main report. With regard to the use of the centre by people of the Muslim faith, officers remind members that the application is for a Hindu temple. As covered in the report, the facilities within the development would be open to all faiths and communities and this is to be secured through a s.106 agreement.

ITEM 10B
N/2012/0232

Vehicular crossover to front at 449 Kettering Road

A letter from a Consultant Rheumatologist, Northampton General Hospital has been submitted confirming Mrs Churchill's medical condition.

An additional letter has also been received from **13 Elmhurst Court supporting the** application. The author explains that he has known the applicant for 30 years and confirms Mr and Mrs Churchill's medical conditions (Mrs Churchill has suffered a heart attack that has damaged his heart) and advises that the rear access is not practical for the applicants given the existing gates are permanently locked. If the committee are minded to approve the application they would prepared to pay legal costs to facilitate an agreement to allow the proposed access to be time bound.

ITEM 10C
N/2012/0268

Erection of 2no. 2 bed semi detached bungalows at rear of 85 Wheatfield Road

Nothing to add

ITEM 10D
N/2012/0328

Change of use to 15 bedroom house in multiple occupancy at 9-11 Hazelwood Road

Amended Plan – a revised plan has been received which increases the number of units with en-suite bathrooms from three to nine.

Additional Representation by Northants Police: There is scant reference in this application regarding the provision of refuse bin stores and I can find no reference whatsoever to the provision of secure bike storage for the occupants of this HMO. When we were consulted on a previous application for this site in 2009 both Northamptonshire Police and Northants Fire and Rescue Service were concerned about the potential for arson. There was an agreement that the bin stores for this development would comprise a brick built store with concrete roof and I would be keen for this agreement to transfer to this application. Secure bike storage should be provided within 100m of the front door of the development within view of routinely inhabited rooms and fitted with vandal resistant lighting. All bedroom doors should be secured with a key to thumb turn lock to enable occupants to escape in the event of a fire without the aid of a key.

Officer Comment – *Conditions 2 and 3 require provision of refuse storage and secure cycle parking respectively, and a management plan has now been submitted in respect of Condition 5.*

ITEM 10E
N/2012/0335

Demolition of existing commercial units and erection of 8no. 3 bed terraced dwellings at 57-71 Lea Road

An additional representation has been received from owner of **55 Lea Road** who requests that they have access to the rear of their property from the proposed side alleyway and would like confirmation that this be secure.

Northants Police also raise no objections but would suggest that consideration be given to the proposed gates to be secured and details of rear boundary be agreed when the information becomes available.

Officer Comment - *This would be secured through the proposed condition 2 relating to boundary treatment.*

11. ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

NONE

12. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

NONE