

**Minutes of the Planning Committee  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 6.00 pm  
In the Council Chamber at The Council House, Dudley**

**Present:**

Councillor D Harley (Chair)

Councillors H Bills, B Challenor, D Corfield, P Drake, P Miller, E Taylor and M Westwood.

**Officers:**

I Hopkin (Planning Officer), K Lowe (Principal Planning Officer), C Mellor (Head of Planning), P Reed (Principal Planning Officer), J Todd (Development Manager) (Directorate of Regeneration and Enterprise); G Breakwell (Solicitor) and K Buckle (Democratic Services Officer) (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

**Observers:**

Approximately 5 members of public

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24. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Goddard and W Sullivan.

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25. **Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was reported that Councillor B Challenor had been appointed as a substitute Member for Councillor W Sullivan for this meeting of the Committee only.

## 26. **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

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## 27. **Minutes**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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## 28. **Introductions**

The Head of Planning introduced J Todd and I Lowe to the meeting and the Chair welcomed both to the Authority.

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## 29. **Site Visit**

Consideration was given to the following planning application in respect of which Members of the Committee had undertaken a site visit earlier that day.

**Planning Application No. P22/0727 – Wood & Moore Builders Merchants, Wallows Road, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill – Demolition of existing builders merchants yard and erection of 30 no. dwellings with associated works.**

### **Resolved**

That the application be approved subject to conditions numbered 1 to 32 (inclusive), as contained in the report submitted.

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## 30. **Plans and Applications to Develop**

A report of the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise was submitted on the following plans and applications to develop. Where appropriate, details of the plans and applications were displayed by electronic means at the meeting. In addition to the reports submitted, notes known as Pre-Committee notes had also been circulated prior to the meeting updating

Members on certain information given in the reports submitted. The content of the notes was taken into account in respect of the applications to which they referred.

The following persons were in attendance at the meeting, and spoke on the planning applications as indicated: -

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Objectors/Supporters who wished to speak</u>	<u>Agent/Applicant who wished to speak</u>
P22/0710	K Denning (Objector)	Mr G Singh

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(a) **Planning Application No. P22/0710 – Fiddlers Arms, 16 Straits Road, Lower Gornal, Dudley – Demolition of existing public house and erection of 9 no. dwellings.**

In considering the application, Members took account of the objections raised by a local resident in relation to the loss of a locally listed building of cultural value and a heritage asset and the suggestion that the public house should be brought back into usable service.

The Committee were also mindful of the supporting comments made by the developer in that the building had been vandalised to such an extent that it was now structurally unsafe, there was insufficient demand for public houses but high demand for high quality homes, which the developers had 15 years experience of developing housing of a high quality using local suppliers and trades persons to complete the new build in question.

**Resolved**

That the Head of Planning be authorised to approve the application subject to conditions numbered 1 to 28 (inclusive) as set out in the report submitted on the expiry of an additional publicity period on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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(b) **Planning Application No. P22/0960 – 241 Collis Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge – Conversion of 1 no. dwelling into 2 no. apartments and ancillary works including creation of a new vehicular access.**

**Resolved**

That the application be approved subject to conditions

numbered 1 to 10 (inclusive) as set out in the report submitted.

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The meeting ended at 6.25pm.

CHAIR