

MINUTES

Committee: Planning Committee
Date: Monday, 05 August 2019
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Younghayes Centre, 169 Younghayes Road, Cranbrook EX5 7DR

Present

Cllr Les Bayliss (in the Chair)
Cllr Colin Buchan
Cllr Phil Norgate

Also Present

Cllr Kevin Blakey, Cranbrook Town Council
Tracy Simmons, Cranbrook Town Council
Two members of the public

P19/32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Barry Rogers and Cllr Matt Osborn.

P19/33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

P19/34 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2019 were accepted and signed as a correct record.

P19/35 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The two members of the public in attendance discussed a personal incident that occurred while walking in Cranbrook recently.

P19/36 PLANNING APPLICATION 19/1013/MRES

The Committee considered the updated reserved matters application 19/1013/MRES regarding the expansion of Cranbrook comprising layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access of 248 dwellings and associated infrastructure in the land to the west of Southbrook Lane, Cranbrook Phase 4. This was an amended application which the Committee had previously considered on 24 June 2019 [Ref Minute P19/25].

It was suggested by Cllr Les Bayliss that it would be beneficial to have a one- or two-page appraisal of changes made, from the developers, when amendments occur. It was proposed by Colin Buchan, seconded by Phil Norgate, and resolved to request this for any future amended applications.

The Committee commented on the amended application regarding the inclusion of a parking court, to the rear of the dwellings proposed to the east of the Ecology Park. In this location the allocated car parking had been altered from being at the front of the dwellings, to a rear parking court. The Committee perceived that the amendment, as it stands, may improve the appearance of the street but

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would do nothing to improve traffic flow, as cars would park on the street rather than the rear parking court, as evidenced in other areas of Cranbrook.

The Committees main concern would be a potential reduction in visibility from cars parking on this corner and this would result in a detrimental effect on traffic flow through this development. Furthermore, the Committee discussed that cars parking on this corner would exacerbate the issues with refuse collections as previously commented [ref minute P19/25].

It was proposed by Cllr Colin Buchan, seconded by Cllr Phil Norgate and **resolved** to support planning application 19/1013/MRES with the comments that the Committee;

- A. had strong reservations regarding future traffic issues and congestion, due to the amendments made, which the Committee views to be detrimental to the development.
- B. request a brief summary of changes submitted in relation to amended applications, a one- or two-page appraisal from the developers, would be helpful.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

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